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COMMENT OF THE DAY

PALACE RUMOURS

THE present clash of news bulletins over whether or not the Queen and Princess Margaret are in agreement about their future relations with Group Captain Peter Townsend serves as another illustration of a point made in this column some months ago at a time when the Queen's Press Secretary at Buckingham Palace asked for guidance from Fleet Street.

The great majority of the newspaper reading public will probably agree that the matter is primarily one for the Royal Family itself, and will be sorry if already full lives are made more complicated or if members of the Royal Family are hurt by prying journalism.

Newer News

ON the other hand the vast majority of the newspaper reading public will rush to the first news stand that displays any indication of having fresh information newer news.

And it is equally certain that any popular London newspaper brave enough not to hazard a guess on this particular Royal affair will not retain its popularity for many more days.

In fact — a newspaper would not only lose circulation, it would fall in its job and would deserve to lose circulation if it ignored reports of this kind.

The task of righting the undoubtedly wrong situation that exists now, lies with the Palace.

Those who control the issue of news today from Palace, Parliament, or committee chamber have a difficult course to steer.

But the rocks along that course are largely composed of edicts, officials, and employers who do not understand the purpose or mechanics of a newspaper.

Guessing

WHY in this Royal case should there be so much excitement? The excitement about Palace rumours exists largely because they are rumours. Because they cannot be checked. Because "your guess is as good as mine" ... so the bigger the guess the better.

The fact that the "Gossip Press" is looked on as a ruthless and unreliable animal that scours the gutters for offal, perhaps even the fact that the gossip press exists at all, is due to an undoubted popular taste for offal.

That the field of the gossip writer should include the Palace is due to a penchant in the Palace for cultivating mysteries ... being highly secret about perfectly commonplace affairs as if there was something to be secret about.

Broads Guesser

IT is a lack of reliable news, the strings of anecdote, repartee, and fable which endear the memory of monarchs like Queen Victoria to us still, that breeds the gossip guesser. But even more, it is the exclusion of responsible journalists and the impossibility of checking wild rumours that gives free rein to the guesser and the writer of innuendo, perhaps, innocuous, trips.

In the last resort, is it true that a public figure has an absolute right to privacy in all his personal affairs, or that in fact any of us have such privacy anyway? This is the cry of the upstart aristocracy, the nobility of stage and screen who leap at the advantages of general fame but squeal when it pinches.

The Queen would be the first to admit her duty of public example, as she is the first to practise it. Princess Margaret has already done so when she renounced the attention of marrying Group Captain Townsend.

PASSENGER LINER SINKS

Over Thousand Aboard Believed Rescued In Indian Ocean After Fire

Amsterdam, Mar. 31. The Marine radio station at Scheveningen, Holland, reported that a 9,786-ton Norwegian passenger vessel sank in the Indian Ocean after a fire on board got out of control. All passengers and crew members, numbering more than 1,100, were believed rescued by a British ship before the Norwegian Skaubryn went to the bottom, the Dutch radio station said.

Townsend Leaves London

London, Mar. 31. Group Captain Peter Townsend left here by air tonight for Brussels after a six-day visit which revived the 1955 drama of his romance with Princess Margaret.

His departure from London followed widespread press reports that his reunion with the Princess last Wednesday had ended Queen Elizabeth's.

It also followed his own statement that there were no grounds for believing there had been any change in the decision of the 27-year-old Princess not to marry him.

The Princess announced on October 31, 1955, that she had decided not to marry Townsend, divorced father of two sons, because he was "kindred of the Church's teaching that Christian marriage is indissoluble and conscious of my duty to the Commonwealth."

MACMILLAN SAYS: **WORLD SLUMP COULD GIVE REDS CHANCE OF SUBVERSION**

London, Mar. 31. Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, warned here tonight that a world slump would give the Communists an opportunity for "subversion and intrigue."

Addressing a meeting in Halifax tonight he said: "The free world must defend itself by bombs and rockets alone. If it were allowed to fall into a world slump on anything like the scale that we knew 30 years ago, this would lead to a danger almost as great as military aggression—that is the danger of large-scale unemployment, poverty and suffering.

There could be no better opportunity for Communist subversion and intrigue."

DEFIATION

Many responsible people, the Prime Minister said, thought this year the worst position for Britain would be to find herself an island of inflation in a world of deflation. That would mean British prices going up while those of everyone else went down.

Scheveningen radio did not make clear whether it had been in communication with the Skaubryn or the reported British rescue ship, City of Sydney.

The station said that the Skaubryn went down 300 miles east southeast of Sokotra, Sokotra is a small British island colony off the east coast of Africa, south of the Arabian Peninsula.

Mass Rescue

The radio station was unable on the basis of the apparently fragmentary signal picked up to state whether the City of Sydney went alongside the Skaubryn to effect a mass rescue or picked up survivors.

In any event, rescue of more than 1,000 persons in the open sea by a single 7,000-ton vessel of the City of Sydney type would be an extraordinary achievement. Sea conditions at the time of the ship-sinking fire and the ensuing rescue effort were not known here. The usually placid, warm, lake-like seas in that area would help and rescue attempt.

British planes "based in" the Colony of Aden, at the foot of the Arabian Peninsula would also be able to aid survivors in an open sea, once it was daylight.

The sinking apparently took place, however, in the middle of the night.

First linking of it was received by Scheveningen and other European marine radio stations after midnight tonight (Monday).

Emigrants

These radio reports, containing no details, hinted at a sea tragedy of vast proportions some 5,000 miles away.

According to the shipwreckers, the passengers were mostly Germans and Scandinavians with a crew of Germans and Italians for the most part.

The ship's officers were all Norwegians.

The ship was on its way to Colombo and was later to proceed to Australian ports with the passengers, believed to be mostly emigrants.

The Skaubryn departed from Bremerhaven, Germany, and later called at Malla, where 150 passengers went aboard.

Bergen Radio said that it had received no distress signals from the vessel.

Broken Down

A representative of the owners feared that the ship's radio had broken down. He said he was glad to report that the seven-year-old vessel was equipped with the most modern fire-fighting apparatus.

The Skaubryn has since 1949 run a regular emigrant route from Bremerhaven to Australia. The Skaubryn, built in Kiel, was put into service in 1951. The ship was constructed especially for this kind of passenger transport.

Korean Election

Seoul, Mar. 31. The South Korean Government today announced general elections would be held on May 2 to elect 233 members of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly.

CALL FOR COTTON QUOTA AGAINST COLONY

London, Apr. 1. Mr. Cyril Lord, wealthy industrialist and a leading spokesman of Lancashire's textile manufacturers, today called for the imposition of a quota on cotton imports from Hongkong.

In a letter to the Financial Times, he said: "Hongkong was being used as 'back door' for getting textiles into Britain duty-free."

He stated: "Hongkong's textile imports, for a population of two million people, are running at a figure approaching £30 million annually."

RE-EXPORTED

"When one asks for figures which should be readily available of how much is re-exported, none are given."

"This is because, by using the 25 per cent uplift method between the basic cost price and the export price, Japan can avoid any duty on her goods coming into this country via Hongkong."

"The government maintains that they have a quota in the amount of directly shipped Japanese goods, that can remain in this country."

ANOTHER MEETING

Manchester, Mar. 31. The Cotton Board confirmed today that arrangements were being made for a meeting in London during April with Indian and Pakistani cotton interests, but an spokesman was unable to give further details.

WEAK-KNEED

Mr. Lord said Britain should not be too "weak-kneed and frightened" to do something which was common practice in other countries—the application of quotas.

"To say that the immediate sufferer from such a process of trade strangulation would be the British consumer is, to my view, complete nonsense."

"The availability of goods for the British retail trade here, where they have the world's production at their feet, only helps them to exploit the situation, and to take their terms to Lancashire at a time when Lancashire goods are fortunate to get a showing."

Murdered

Manila, Apr. 1. Four masked men shot a wealthy land-owner to death in Tarlac Province yesterday, disappeared immediately and left no motive for the killing.

The police are working on the theory that the killers could have been disgruntled tenants working on the land-owner's hacienda in Central Luzon.

Ike-Dulles Meet

Washington, Mar. 31. United States President Dwight Eisenhower and Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, conferred for an hour and 10 minutes here this afternoon.

A White House spokesman said later that the subjects of the Soviet suspension of nuclear tests and of a reply to Moscow on a "summit" conference had been discussed.

Pearson Concedes Defeat In Canadian Election

Montreal, Mar. 31. The Liberal Leader, Lester B. Pearson, conceded victory to the Conservative forces headed by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker in Canada's 24th General Election tonight two hours after the polls had closed in the central provinces.

The Liberal Leader, former Minister of External Affairs and this year's Nobel prize winner, made his announcement to newsmen at the Liberal Party Headquarters in Ottawa where he had been watching the election returns.

The figures that he had been reading for more than two hours had told a uniform story—Conservative successes everywhere and Liberal gains nowhere.

Mr. Pearson tonight attributed the sweeping Conservative success to "the feeling of the people that the Government should be allowed to put its policies into effect."

Mr. Pearson conceded the election at 7:55 p.m. He said he would carry on as leader of the Liberal opposition for the next five years "if elected in my own riding."

Telegram

At the same time he made his announcement, Mr. Pearson released the text of a telegram of congratulations he had sent to Prime Minister John Diefenbaker at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

"Please accept my sincere congratulations on the decisive mandate you have received from the people in today's election."

"I wish you health and strength as you face your heavy responsibility of Government, and I can assure you of the co-operation of the Liberal opposition in all measures which will advance the best interest of the country."

ELECTION WORKERS KIDNAPPED

Montreal, Mar. 31. Several car loads of raiders kidnapped nine Liberal election workers from two Liberal Party committee rooms in Montreal today.

Two women and two men were seized in one raid, and five men in another.

Eye-witnesses of the raid said the kidnapers forced their way into the committee room of a Liberal candidate, Mr. Gerald Lusselle, and bundled their victims into a car.

BROKE AWAY

Raymond Thorton, Liberal organizer, broke away from the kidnapers but they recaptured him.

Police said they had arrested a man suspected of taking part in one of the raids.

In other incidents in Montreal police had arrested 23 people by early afternoon.

United States To Go Ahead With N-Tests

Washington, Mar. 31. The State Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, said today that the United States was going ahead with its nuclear tests this spring and summer.

But he declined to characterize the United States statement as a rejection of the Soviet offer to the United States to join in a suspension of tests. He also declined to forecast the result of the study which the State Department promised to give to the Soviet statement.

Mr. White was asked if there was any possibility that, at the conclusion of the forthcoming Pacific tests, the United States might join in an agreement to ban tests. He said he could not answer such a question in any categorical sense.

He added that one possibility was that the Soviet Union would, following the United States statement, invite inspection.

UAR REQUESTS UN MEETING

ON MID-EAST FLARE-UP

Cairo, Mar. 31. The United Arab Republic announced tonight it has requested an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council to take up Israeli attempts to "seize" Syrian territory.

The UAR call came after two days of heavy fighting between Israeli and Syrian in the Latakia region of the Israeli-Syrian border.

Tanks and light artillery were brought into play by both sides. Casualty figures were not clear but estimates rose to more than 20 on each side.

Aggression

A group of Israeli labourers and technicians, protected by troops, has been working on an irrigation project in the vicinity. The UAR has charged repeatedly that the workers were on Arab territory.

Last Night a spokesman here announced a note had been sent to UN Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, protesting against Israeli "aggression" and warning that it threatened peace in the Mid-East.

The note, was intended, the spokesman said, for distribution among all UN members.—United Press.

Khrushchev To Visit Hungary

Budapest, Mar. 31. Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev will visit Hungary, arriving in Budapest next Friday, the Hungarian news agency announced today.

Khrushchev will head a Soviet Government and Communist Party delegation to Budapest to attend celebrations of the 13th anniversary of the Liberation of Hungary by Soviet troops, the news agency said.

Newly-appointed First Vice-Premier Frol Kozlov will be a member of the delegation.—France-Press.



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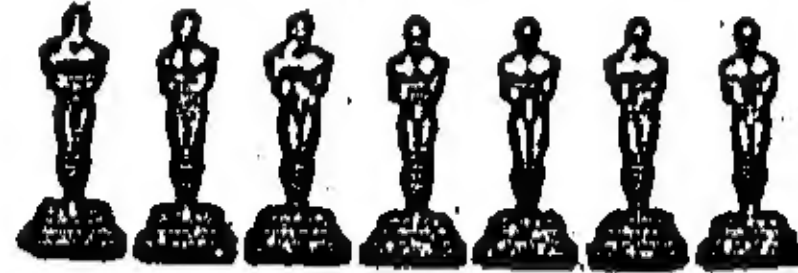
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THE BRITISH COTTON MOVE—A TIMELY STEP

London, Mar. 31.

The Textile Mercury today hailed the formation of the company Weaving Reorganisation Limited to deal with the surplus capacity in the Lancashire cotton and rayon weaving industry as "a timely and realistic step which merits very careful consideration by the firm it is intended to help."

"It seems clear that if the sponsoring bodies have got their facts and figures right and there is still a considerable redundancy problem in the weaving section notwithstanding many mill closures during the past three years it will be a good thing for everybody concerned, not excluding spinning and merchandising sections, to have this further contraction carried out in an orderly manner," the paper said.

"Nobody who remembers the chaotic conditions in the Manchester market during the early thirties when forces of attrition were having free play will want history to repeat itself, least of all at this critical time when all sections of the textile industry should be building up a solid front to withstand the challenge of outside competition in a liberalised European market."

"Any plan that puts order and self-discipline before attrition, merits the earnest consideration of both sides of industry at this time."

"A bold independent effort by weavers now might even galvanise a reluctant government into doing something to help the industry on to a sounder footing," the Mercury said.

The Financial Times today reported that leaders of the Weavers' Association—the largest British cotton trade union—had complained that they had been "kept in the dark" about the decision of the weaving employers to set up an organisation to buy mills and close them.

No Break In Relations With Japan, Says Yeh

Taipei, Mar. 31.
Foreign Minister George Yeh indicated clearly today that Taipei would not break off diplomatic relations with Japan in the current dispute over Japan's trade agreement with Peking.

Asked if Taipei would use the severance of diplomatic relations with Japan as an instrument of foreign policy, Yeh replied, "No, we would not."

At the same time he asserted, "We will not change our stand" against the Communist trade mission flying the Peking flag in Japan.

Taipei broke off trade talks with Japan on March 14 and suspended all commercial relations with Japan as well.

Japan and Formosa let their 1957 trade pact, Japan today without either sides trying to extend it.—United Press.

Saud's Denial
Beirut, Mar. 31.
King Saud of Saudi Arabia today denied that he relinquished any power to his brother, Crown Prince Faisal, by proclaiming sweeping responsibilities for him in the fields of foreign, internal and financial affairs.—United Press.

Impersonation Of Macmillan On TV Banned

London, Mar. 31.
The British Broadcasting Corporation stated today that it had banned an April Fool's Day comedy impersonation on television tomorrow night of Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister.

"In the sketch in question the Prime Minister was made to use abusive language to his wife and the script made fun of the summit talks and the issue of world peace," it stated.

"The BBC, on the basis of its ordinary practice, considered the sketch to be in bad taste," it stated.

13 Cuban Rebels Killed In Clash Huge Seizure Of Arms

Havana, Mar. 31.

Thirteen rebels were killed and an unknown number wounded today in three separate clashes with army patrols in rebel-infested Oriente Province, an Army communique said tonight.

Brute Force By Italy's Militant Communists

Rome, Mar. 31.
Militant Communists, mobilising every tactic to win the forthcoming Italian general elections, today used brute force to get their names first on the ballots.

First fights of scuffles were reported in Sicily, Southern Italy and elsewhere in the rush of all parties to place their candidates and emblems on the top of voting lists.

General elections throughout Italy for a new Chamber of Deputies and Senate will be held on May 23 and the following day. The outcome will decide the future of the Italian government, until now ruled by the staunch pro-Western Christian Democratic Party.

Today, registration of party candidates for the elections opened at 9.00 GMT.

The first party in each electoral district to register, automatically appears at the top of that region's ballot.

All parties, but particularly the Communists, recognise the psychological effect to voters of this primacy.

By late last night, stoic Communist representatives began lining up outside provincial courts throughout the nation to be first in line when the registration office opened today.

Some fit through nightlong rainstorms and bitter cold. But they were first in. Other parties, including the Christian Democrats, also dispatched hordes of officials before dawn.

There was no mention of any Army casualties.

The communique followed an earlier police announcement of the seizure in a pre-dawn raid of a huge shipment of rebel arms and ammunition which apparently was smuggled into this island from the United States.

Fifteen rebels transporting the weapons, described as "the largest shipment of contraband arms" to enter Cuba since President Batista seized power in 1932, escaped.

Announcement of the Army clashes and the police raid came as Congress prepared to convene in special session tonight (at 0200 GMT) to bolster President Batista's position, pending tomorrow's scheduled start of the rebels' "total war."

The Army said six rebels were killed and "several" wounded when a patrol surprised them burning a bus in the town of Blanquillo near the southwestern Oriente Port city of Manzanillo.

Other Army patrols surprised "various foragers" in "criminal gangs" at Mabuy and in the Quaceto zone of Oriente, the communique said. Two rebels were killed and "some others" wounded.

The third clash took place, according to the communique, when "a group of bandits" in the town of Manzanillo were caught by surprise by a patrol. Five rebels were killed in this encounter. Those who escaped left arms and ammunition behind, the Army said.—United Press.

Courage

Dorchester, Mar. 31.
A 14-year-old Dorchester boy scout patrol leader, John Potter, is to receive the Cornwell Cup for courage and fortitude.

John was born without a right ear and for nine years has been undergoing skin-grafting operations by plastic surgeon Sir Harold Gillies. Today he is normal.—China Mail Special.

We'll Commit Suicide!

EX-MODEL'S THREAT IN LENGTHY LAWSUIT

London, Mar. 31.
A FORMER photographers' model told the London Appeal Court today that unless she and her mother could "clear themselves of the stigma" involved in losing a lawsuit against an 81-year-old baronet they would "commit suicide."

The ex-model, Miss Jacqueline Gray, asked the court to order her solicitor to hand over documents she required for her appeal to be presented later and also for a free copy of the shorthand transcript of the hearing of the £12,000 action she lost against Sir Stratford Rail.

One of the three appeal judges, Lord Verelst, told her the court had no power to compel the solicitor to hand over the documents.

He advised Miss Gray to make a formal application for legal aid before ending the hearing.

Miss Gray, now aged 41, had sued the millionaire baronet, who had kept her as his mistress for 15 years, claiming the return of jewels worth £12,000 which she alleged he had given her and then taken back.

Sir Stratford Rail denied giving her the jewels. He agreed during the action that he had lavished £38,000 on her over the years.

She had been ordered to pay the costs of the lengthy lawsuit.—China Mail Special.

Mystery Painting Of A Beautiful Woman

London, Mar. 31.

A mystery painting of a beautiful, well-known woman promises to be picture of the year at the Royal Academy summer exhibition in London.

The Academy's selection committee has given it the top "A" grading—a rating which has not been awarded to a painting since before the war.

Painter and subject remain a mystery.

An academy official admitted that Sir Charles Wheeler, president of the Royal Academy, had given some clues in comparing the work to paintings by Italian-born artist, Pietro Annigoni, who has painted the Queen and Princess Margaret.

But even Annigoni did not receive an "A" grading for his well-known portrait of the Queen which now hangs in the Flemishers' Hall in the City of London.

About 10,000 paintings have been submitted to this year's academy, London's most popular annual art show.—China Mail Special.

SEARCH FOR SAILORS WHO ESCAPED Scene Of Recent "Mutiny"

Devonport, Mar. 31.

Shore Patrolmen combed the waterfront of this Navy town today for two sailors absent without leave from HMS Apollo, scene of a recent "mutiny" for which 43 sailors are to be disciplined.

The two men jumped ship last night, a few hours before the minelayer cruiser was due to sail on manoeuvres, and raced away through the Devonport Navy Yard with officers and S.P.s in hot pursuit.

The fugitives lost their pursuers by mingling with a crowd of other sailors leaving the Base.

A petty officer who ran into them in a bar here late last night ordered them to return to the ship, but they told him they were going to London.

The Navy withheld the names of the two men, making it impossible to determine whether they are among the sailors slated for disciplinary action.

A court of inquiry set up to investigate complaints that "spit and polish" made life on board the Apollo unbearable, has ordered that two of the offenders be court-martialed.

The other 41 are to be "summarily dealt with" by the Apollo's captain.—United Press.

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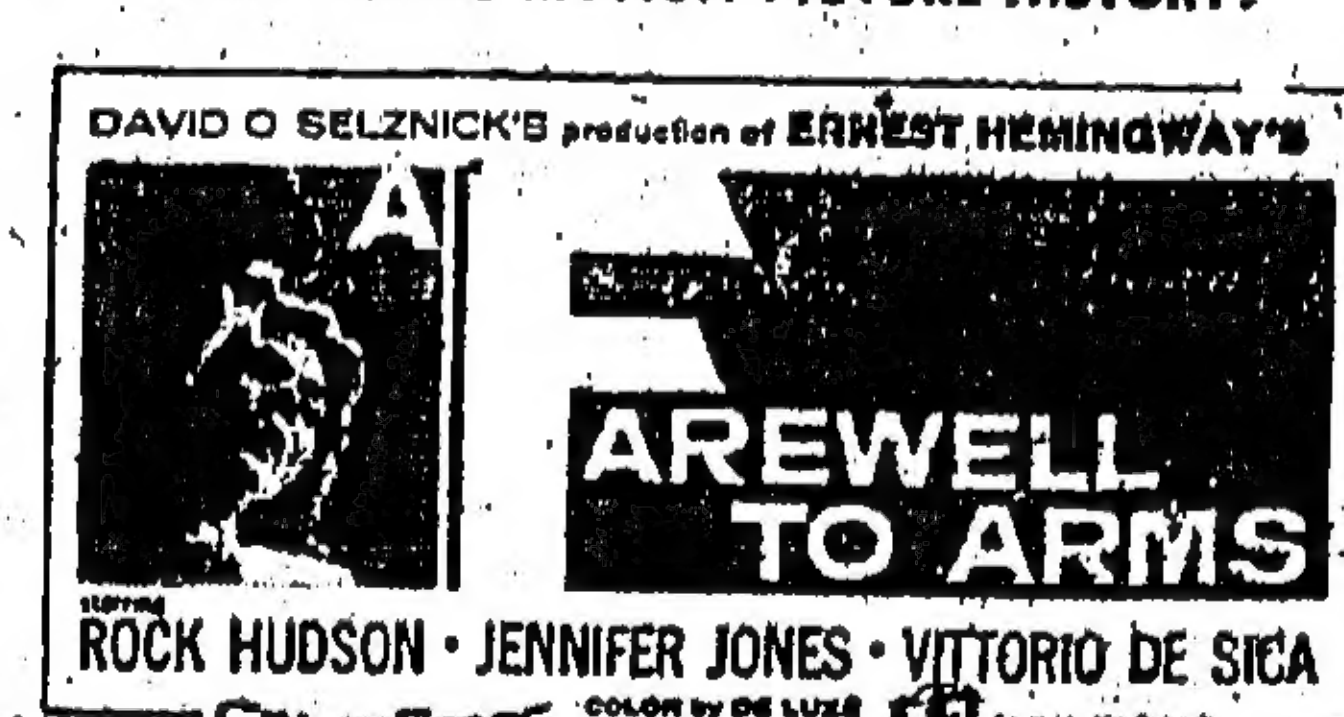


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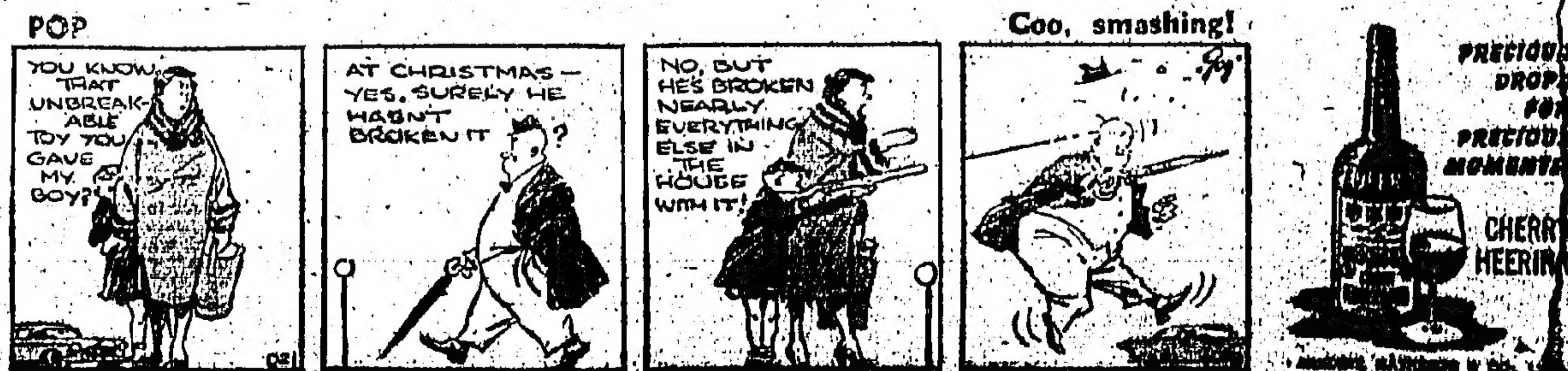


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YOUTH in the shadow of the H-bomb... a generation whose future is threatened... has definite beliefs on whether or not Britain should give up the weapon. Donald Edgar has been talking to young people of widely varying backgrounds. Yesterday he reported from Oxford University. Today he moves from the colleges into industry:—

IT was the absolute calm of the young men and women when I spoke to them about the H-bomb that struck me. I had already spoken to the undergraduates of Oxford about the problem. They were excited, interested, articulate.

But when I went to the great motor factories on the outskirts of the city I found the young people tranquil and full of an instinctive common sense.

The slightly hysterical campaign that has been worked up to bring pressure on the Government to abandon the H-bomb—to give up atomic tests—to halt the building of the missile sites—all that had had little or no effect.

The apocalyptic warnings of the Bertrand Russells, the J. B. Priestleys, the Canon Collinses—the young people in the factories had been undisturbed by them.

There were some who thought we ought to give up the bomb, but they were far outnumbered by those who realised that this is no time for panic.

There was a young married couple who were having lunch together in a works canteen.

In their honesty, in their soul searching, in their courage before this dreadful problem they symbolised the young people I met in the factories.

Joan Weeks, 23, pretty and smart, started off the conversation with: "The H-bomb I don't think there should be such a thing. She looked at me out of troubled eyes.

How could one disagree?

There should not be available such means of mass destruction. Then she added: "But, in the world as it is today, I think we have got to have the bomb."

Awful

"It's awful, but I don't see any other answer." She looked down at her hands. "When I read about the effects of radiation on children I feel that it's no longer worth having a family."

"We have reached a crazy situation but we have got to face it."

"It's no use being cowardly and allowing the Russians to have their own way."

"So far as I can see there must be negotiations. There must be some place where there must be an answer. It's all so terrible. Her husband, David, is 23, a sheet metal worker, blond, serious and the sort of man one

would have been pleased to be with in any battalion.

He did not speak freely and easily as the undergraduates of Magdalen or Wadham had spoken. His words came slowly, but forcibly.

"The H-bomb is a dreadful thing. I only hope it is never used. It should never be used."

"If we gave up the bomb, the Russians could wipe the floor with us any time they liked. It's no use just having a general agreement to all give up atomic weapons. That would leave the Russians stronger because they have more men and more ordinary weapons."

"But, surely," he went on, "surely nobody wants to use the bomb and destroy whole nations."

"There is only one solution in the long run. We must all give up the bomb. But meanwhile we must hold on to it."

Heather Coppock is 17, pretty and gay. "I think it would be best if we gave up the bomb," she told me. "Even if the Russians dropped a bomb here I wouldn't want us to retaliate. I think the tests should be stopped for the sake of the children. There is too much radiation already."

I respected her point of view. I discovered that the young girls of the country who have considered the problem are all so terrible. Her husband, David, is 23, a sheet metal worker, blond, serious and the sort of man one

And yet so many of them, even with this fear and worry, still think that in the situation as it is today we must hold on to the bomb.

There was Frances White, who is only 16. "I think we ought to have it," she replied in a most determined way. "So long as we have it I don't think it will be used. So we oughtn't to give it up."

Peter Curll is 22, lively, with a great sense of fun. "I think we must keep the bomb," he said. "It's a matter of common sense. If we do go to war we have got to have it to protect ourselves."

Good thing

"As for those missile bases, they are a good thing. In any case, I am all in favour of keeping close allies with the United States."

That last sentence I heard many times as I talked with the young people. I found almost no anti-American feeling among the youngsters who work in the shops and the factories.

Edward Howlett, 22, is a handsome blond man, who opened the talk with: "I've thought a lot about this H-bomb business. And I think we ought to give it up in order to set an example to the world."

"I don't think there ought to be American bases here with their H-bombs, their airplanes, and their missiles."

"As for these Summit talks—which I suppose are being talked about because people are worried about the H-bomb—I think the Russians have been reasonable. I think the Americans—especially in Washington—are being difficult."

I asked him what the position would be if we had given up the bomb and the Russians threatened us with one.

He smiled.

"Well, in that case, I think we ought to have something up our sleeve."

Which made me think the English have not altered much through the centuries.

Howlett is very typical. He hates the whole idea of the mass destruction of men, women, and children by the H-bomb—at times he convinces himself that as a matter of conscience we ought not to be part of an H-bomb armament race. And then he realises that we might be left defenceless.

So he adds: "We ought to have something up our sleeve."

Tradition

BUT now I wish to come back to my original theme, the calmness of all these young people.

When you talk about the bomb they will discuss the matter with you.

But they have no great daily worry about the problem.

It is not fatalism—although some will say to you: "Well, it's not much use worrying anyway, is it?"

But that decision not to worry is not so much fatalism as the traditional response of this people to danger.

They had the same fatalism—which many foreign observers thought was crazy—in 1940.

When we stood alone.

The young people whom I spoke to in the factories are not scared.

They have the idea of the bomb being dropped—either on us or by us.

But by and large, they are not willing to give up freedom and independence out of fear.

Obviously the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has its attractions.

The threat of total annihilation—in a particularly revolting way—must affect the thinking of youth.

No panic

BUT the woolly emotionalism of the campaign—the dire warnings, the intricate arguments—have not made our youth panic.

They are an extraordinarily hard-headed, common-sense lot, these young people.

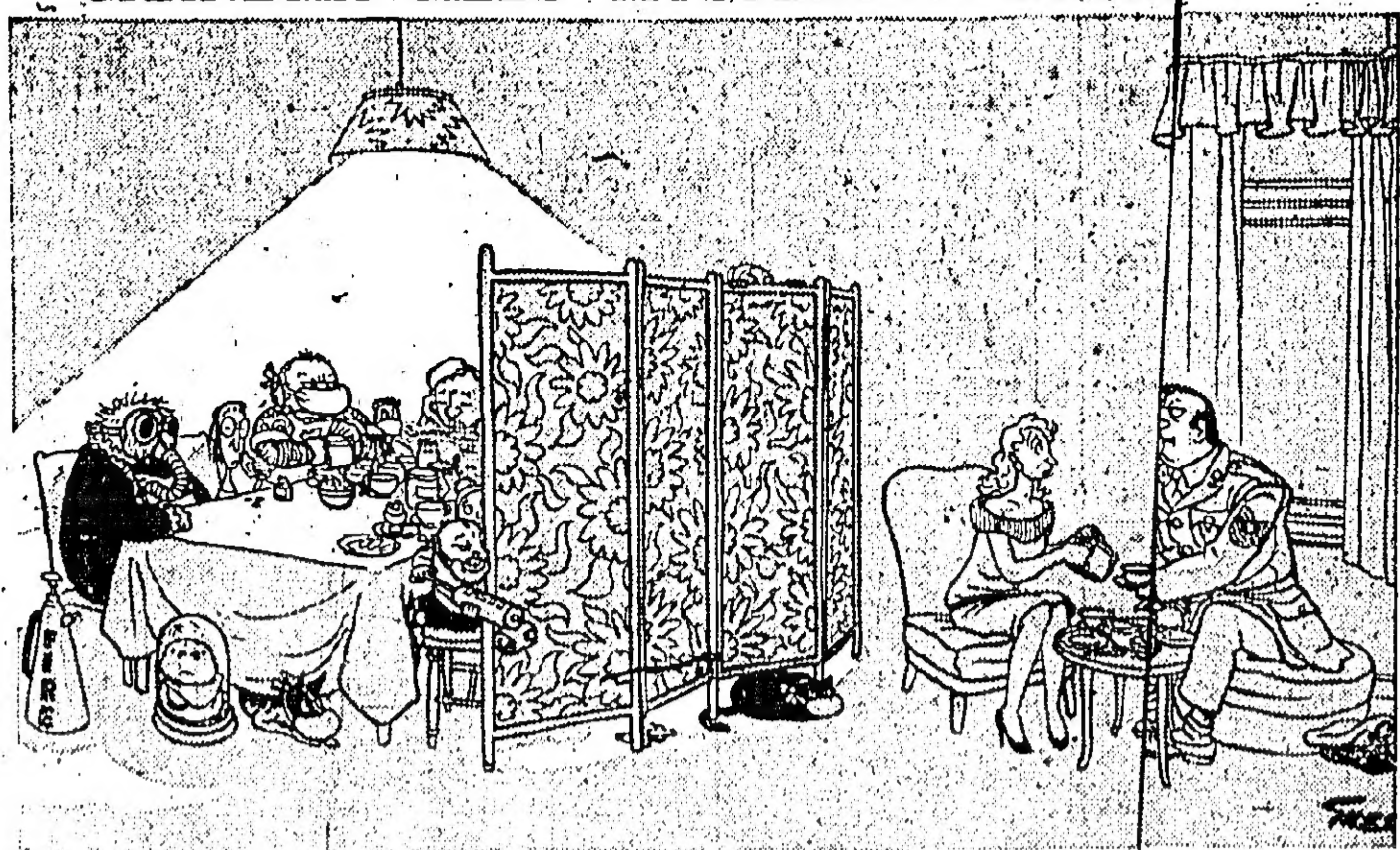
They look the danger in the face. I think they prefer the risk of even the H-bomb to slavery.

I was not really surprised. Weapons may change, but not the spirit of the British race.

These are my thoughts after talking to these young people—people who are not articulate out of ambition or egotism. So do not be misled by talks or writings of those who were described to me as "the old woolies"—the people who are trying to make out that the youth of Britain is pacifist or neutralist.

It is not true.

GRANDMA GILES MYSTERY... the solution



"Honey, will you kindly explain to your Mama that not everypp-sergeant at the Base is radioactive."



DOLE QUEUE, U.S.A. AND I'M IN IT

DID you ever stand in a queue for the dole? I have just spent two depressingly uncomfortable hours at it in this once brash and brassy city—trying to learn how it feels to be at the no-business end of what the politicians and the economists call America's recession. It feels bad.

The grey-livered tourist tout among the ice puddles at O'Hara Airport began it all when he assured me that "Chicago provides an unending number of never to be forgotten scenes of educational value" for the visiting student.

Cabby's advice

Unfortunately for the sucker-seeker my cab-driver, one Hank Schlesinger, was listening: "Don't be fooled by that salesman, mister," advised Hank.

"If you wanna know what's going on in this town right now, lemme take you to 1608 West Adam Street."

One hour later I was shuffling my way around among more than 500 unemployed Americans, whites, non-whites, near whites, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans—plus one aged incumbent who claimed direct descent from the Indians who peopled these lusty parts when Chicago was a Lake Michigan swamp.

"Go out and talk to those guys," said Harold Spaeth, whose managerial job it is to pay "unemployment compensation" to nearly five thousand people every day of his life in this one office.

Ten other centres are doling out the dollars in similar fashion. Two more are being opened this week. After all there are 107,935 unemployed in Chicago this

FROM GEORGE WHITING: CHICAGO

week, as against 4,400 last year—and that is quite a sizable slice of recession, even for a city of four million inhabitants.

So I went out into the vast warehouse-type hall that the State Unemployment Commission have rented from Wieboldts, one of the City's biggest stores. Printed notice blaring instructions at us not to loiter seemed pretty pointless as we shuffled in our seedy queues towards the counter clerks waiting to check the pink and white forms clutched in hands that cannot find work.

My nearest neighbour, tall, gaunt and jockey-capped, turned out to be Irwin Filipowski, a 35-year-old welder from the International Harvester Group.

"I was laid off after 10 years in the job," said Irwin between bitterness.

"I was making one hundred dollars a week (about £23). Now they pay me 29 dollars 50 cents compensation (just over £10). I am single and I can make out dish-washing and playing the piano."

"But the outlook is bad. Another 1,200 men were laid off my old plant in the last two months."

Income drop

Paul Ryder, married with one son, has been off labouring since his firm closed down three months ago. His income has dropped from 80 dollars a week to 34.

"I am unemployed, and so is the ice-box back home," he told me. "With rent at 15 dollars a week, you could say I got my own personal recession," added Paul.

Leonard Potts, grain elevator driver; Ed Sperman, painter and decorator; Oliver Sykes, shipping clerk; Kazimierz Czeras, of the Federation of mowski, die-setter; Roscoe Williams, tool-maker; Josephine Green, filing clerk; offered similar unhappy testimony.

"I am 50 and I worked for years to keep my son at Harvard," said Mrs. Green. "I have tried and tried to find work rather than come here for compensation. But it looks like the good days are gone."

Jack Cohen, assistant commissioner of unemployment for the State of Illinois, received me in his North Canal Street office where he has had to double his staff—now 900—to cope with the rising tide of "no Chicago temple church session" since last November.

His far-from-cheerful charts showed a state unemployment roll of 198,200 as of now.

"Seven per cent of Chicago's insurable work force are unemployed and are averaging of 30 days' peace-loving idleness," he told me. "The unemployed were the unidentifiable gunman who shot Mrs. Sandler dead in her kitchen... a Chinese laundryman called Moy found shot after a two years' sentence for selling opium... three robbers carrying a machine-gun... two gas station burglars who took the attendant for a ride... and a policeman's 12-year-old son named Robert Merchant who rifled a school desk, sprinkled cleaning fluid all over the place and then set fire to the lot at the cost of four hundred thousand dollars."

Illinois has unemployment funds available of 10 million dollars. But we are paying it out at the rate of 20 million a month against a collection rate of 3,000,000.

With work carrying a machine-gun... able to draw compensation for up to 26 weeks you see how right we are in the picture depressing.

Fred Goerlitz, manager who rifled a school desk, sprinkled cleaning fluid all over the place and then set fire to the lot at the cost of four hundred thousand dollars.

autos TV sets, washing machines and other big appliances are feeling pinch, but last week we managed to turn our minus into plus for the first time this year.

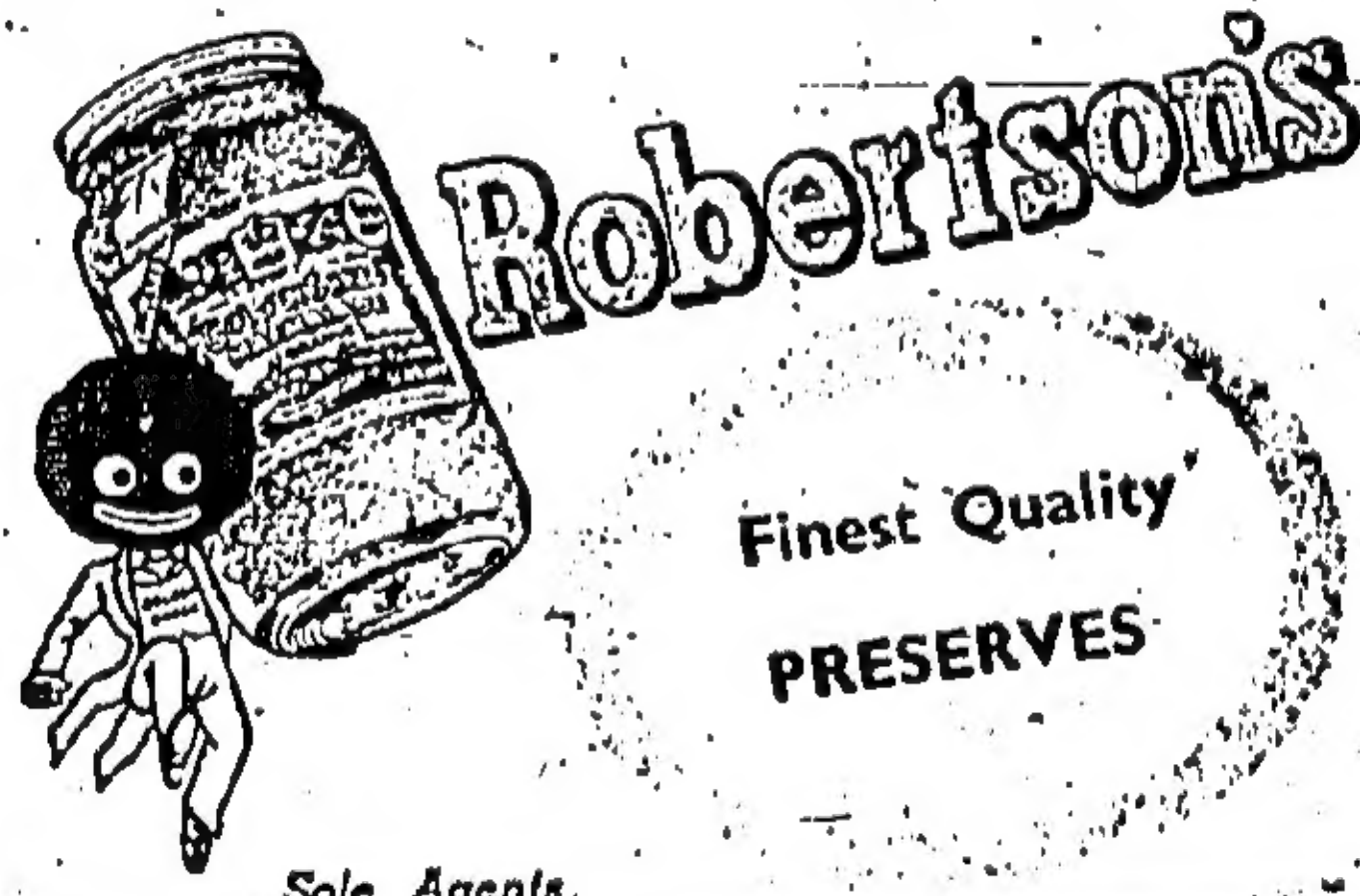
and the unions? Irwin, of the Federation of our, had this to offer: "They used to say that if you can't make money in Chicago you won't make it where. Those days are gone. Eight thousand more workers were laid off last week."

Wacky

Such—then is my 1953 set-up of what I'd call a limp in a city where slums jostle minkychipsots; where the cold terms of Lake Michigan mingle to mingle with the smell of the stockyards; where the bells of "no Chicago temple church session" since last November.

It all seems slightly tacky to a pop-eyed innosent from the village of London.

FOOTNOTE.—There are gangsters here any more, all I could find among peace-loving idlers were the unidentifiable gunman who shot Mrs. Sandler dead in her kitchen... a Chinese laundryman called Moy found shot after a two years' sentence for selling opium... three robbers carrying a machine-gun... two gas station burglars who took the attendant for a ride... and a policeman's 12-year-old son named Robert Merchant who rifled a school desk, sprinkled cleaning fluid all over the place and then set fire to the lot at the cost of four hundred thousand dollars.



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This Funny World



"That report card probably wasn't meant for me. There are several Herman A. Vogelwinners, Jr.s, in my class, you know."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A LADY who complains of her husband's eccentricity, because he clips his luxuriant moustache with hedge-clippers, should congratulate herself that he does not shave with a scythe.

Why, my dear lady, there are about-minded men who add their tea with a violin, try to uncork bottles with a telescope, wear boxing-gloves to sort ante eggs, and try to skate along a tight-rope in diving boots. They peel oranges with a stair rod.

Tally-ho Colonel

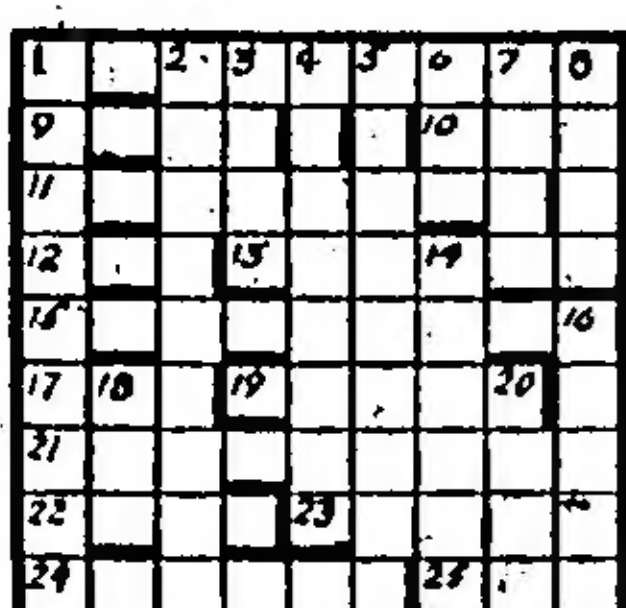
Mutter spoon!

"It is a mistake," says a rider to hounds, "to imagine that it is only the rich and the aristocrats who hunt nowadays." Yes. For instance, the hound who rode a donkey to a meet, with a sack of terrets slung over his shoulder, had the wrong idea altogether. And I remember an occasion when a lady at a house-party was asked, "Are you a follower of hounds?" She replied, somewhat laughingly, "They usually follow me." And believe me, hounds is the word for Tony, Major Futtigru-Sputt, "Bippy" Tredgell, "Fudge" McGherkin, and the whole crew of them.

Scesaw and ballet

THE three Persians issued the following statement yesterday, on their failure to secure parts in the "War and Peace" ballet: "Scesaw is hard. To balance a plank on yore belly with a man being at halther end, up-down like in the column board, a vuzzil, is beautiful! othem to build, Towelstoy and is Trossacks is orfite; but hour scesaw wood be taking a hord-ince's mind holf the orfers of the buttle of Hesperitz and reerecting in the snowedup hico from the Kramulins. Doo plecter not say scesaw was a child's game. Oldage men with fat grey beards can do it for there eith, and mony a primer bullyreener wot can kick or at holf or perform the spliz wood be proud to manlidge a scesaw with hour skill. Wot a pitty hit orl his."

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Prognostications. (5)
9. Done with. (4)
11. Related later than. (5)
12. Derivative of coal. (5)
13. Married. (6)
14. Part of a building. (6)
15. A poet for a storyteller. (8)
16. Management ring. (4-6)
17. Vegetable. (4)
18. Odds and ends. (6)
19. General kind of humor. (5)
20. (5)

Down
1. Kicked about. (5)
2. Funder. (8)
3. Insects. (8)
4. Brighter over parish churches. (6)
5. The woman. (6)
6. Current. (6)
7. Married. (6)
8. Financially embarrassed. (6)
9. Wavy. (6)
10. A deer. (6)
20. Fruit. (4)

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

BORN today, you are shrewd and calculating, and you are a planner. You are a rare combination of the visionary and the practical. Your mind is able to make initial plans come to life. Although you are a money-maker, you are not merely interested in getting rich. You like to have a hand in the interesting idea which you can develop.

You have a tremendous store of physical and nervous energy, and because of this, are inclined to scatter your interest too widely. You are always active and are like a fire at one time. You may discover that you would advance faster toward success if you were to concentrate on one thing at a time.

Your critical faculties are well-developed, and you women, especially, must guard against becoming chronic fault-finders. If you get too exactly nowhere. If you

learn to make constructive suggestions, then your criticism can do some good. Since you have a good memory, you are able to use past recognition and experience in current problems. You have some of the qualifications of an executive. They need only to be developed to prove highly useful in your career.

You of the fair sex are quite emotional and probably will have more than one romance before settling down to marriage.

Among those born on this date were: Otto Eduard Leopold von Harnack, statesman; Wallace Henry and Len Chaney, actors; Laurette Taylor, actress; William Harvey, physiologist; and Henry D. Anthony, statesman.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Take care of your health and see that you have good energies to complete today's necessary tasks. Best this evening.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Property relations involving the children, come up for your attention now. Handle problems wisely.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Your state of mind can prove important today. Look on the bright side of things and you make better than average progress.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—This is the time to organize things at home and at the office, for a short trip may be near.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You have been overdoing things lately now is the time to get some extra rest for your health's sake.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—This is a day for clear thinking. If there is confusion at home or in the office, it can be of your own making.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Make careful plans for tomorrow and the day following. The tide is turning in your favour for a few days.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Use this day to consolidate recent gains. Your efforts now will count for a great deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—If a little confused over complications in your life, take time out now to think things over carefully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Best for routine work today. If you are involved in business at a distance, consider details on that front now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You may follow your intuitions today and feel confident that they will lead you correctly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you have gone out routine to finish, get it done now. Put your desk in proper order.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Loses When He Wins

By OSWALD JACOBY

"LOOK at this hand from last night's duplicate!" demanded the unlucky expert.

I studied the hand and remarked, "East and West can make three hearts without any trouble but I don't see how either can get in the bidding. North and South can make three spades but probably will mis-guess the spade trumps and make only two. What happened to you?"

"South became declarer at two spades against me. My partner opened the five of hearts. I won dummy's king with my ace

NORTH (D)			
♠ A 15			
♥ A 2			
♦ J 97			
♣ A 8 5 2			
WEST			
♠ Q 9 4			
♥ J 8 5 4			
♦ A 10			
♣ Q 10 7			
EAST			
♠ 8 2			
♥ A Q 10 3			
♦ 8 5 3			
♣ K J 4			
SOUTH			
♠ K 10 7 6 3			
♥ 8 7			
♦ K Q 4 2			
♣ 9 3			

East and West vulnerable
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
Opening lead—♥ 5

and shifted to the three of diamonds. My partner took his ace and returned the ten. Dummy's jack held the trick and the next two plays were the ace and jack of trumps. South thought about his own play for a while and then decided to finesse. My partner won the queen and led a heart to me. I gave him a diamond ruff to set the contract.

"A very neat defence and also poor play on the part of declarer," I commented. He certainly should not have jeopardised his contract the way he did. What happened to your usual bad luck?"

"It was there all right," said the unlucky expert. "It seems that at all other tables North and South managed to get to either three or four spades. They all made exactly two of so all our fine defence did was to get us a tie for low score."

CARD SERIES

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 N.T. Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 N.T. Pass 4 ♠ Pass

You, South, hold:
♠ A K J 5 4 3 2 ♣ Q J 7 6 4 10 5 3
What do you do?
A—Bid five no-trump. You want to make one more slam try. If your partner passes here you should still be all right.

TODAY'S QUESTION

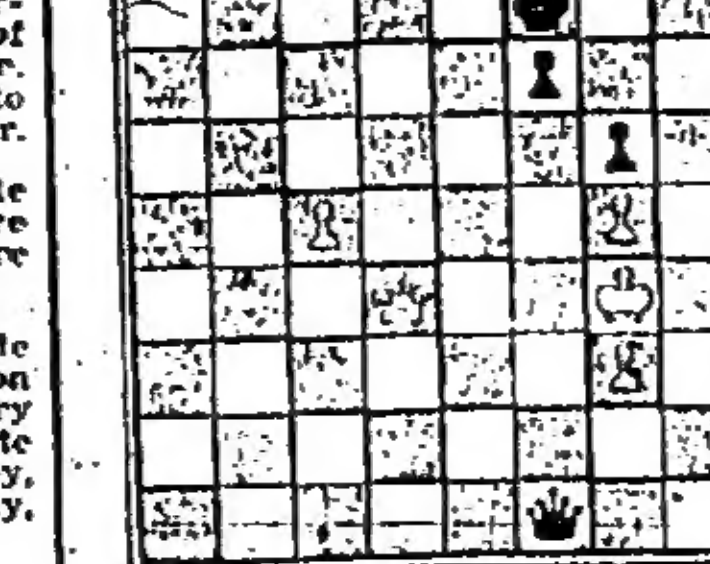
You hold the same hand. The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



From master play—Black to move—what result?
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TARGET



Many words of four letters are hidden in the letters in squares on the board. Find them. Each word must contain at least one letter in the first square. The words are: OUA, YAT, DLR.

WOMANSENSE

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REPORT BY

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THE DETAILS that make the difference. Robb's drawings analyse the news, the trend, the scoops, and what it takes to be a 1958 beauty. First, the make-up: lighter, clearer, cleaner. Second, what to wear with which: a pointer to what to buy and what to burn.



THE HAT: head-on, head-burlesque in rough straw or strawcloth. Again, no trimmings, no trappings, no flowers, no feathers.



MASCARA is cleanly and thinly applied—not coated on. For best effect, use the newest American gadget—a fine rod that twists the black on, lash by lash, without splodges.



THE MOUTH is clearly outlined with a brush. Cupid's bow and all, with a smiling up-till at the edges. Colours: this spring, blues and pinks are out; pick clear-red or rosy-yellow.



THE EYES are softly outlined with a fine pencil (the newest eye-pencils have built-in sharpeners), with an upwards flick at the edge. Newest idea: try a grey line just above a black line.



GLOVES are strictly edited: no buttons, no bows, no trimmings, no pendants. The new length is just to the wrist. Missing in 1958 is the bracelet and bangle.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Busy Railroad Train

—It Went Choo Choo Choo Choo All Over Town—

By MAX TRELL

"CHOO choo" went Knarf as he ran down the street. "Choo choo Choo choo!"

He went around a curve by the elm tree, cut back toward the white fence, switched on to a new line and went rushing and steaming and puffing along the curb until all at once—Puff!—he went into a collision with an old lady.

"I'm a Railroad Train," said Knarf. "You're standing on my tracks!"

"I'm an Elephant!" said the butcher boy. "You're standing on my toe!"

"But I'll tell you what we'll do," the butcher boy said. "I'll move to this side and you'll move to the other side. And you can go puffing and steaming and I'll go stamping and tramping. And neither of us will be in each other's way."

So that's what they did. Knarf, the Train, went one way, while the butcher boy, Elephant, went the other.

Knarf squealed.

Then Knarf ran around the corner. And all at once he heard a squeal. He looked down to see that he had stepped on a kitten's tail.

"Meow," said the Kitten, shaking her hurt tail.

"I'm a Railroad Train," said Knarf. "You're on my track everybody!"

"Yes," said Knarf. "You can pretend to be a passenger. I'll give a train ride."

"Meow!" said the Kitten.

Back around the corner and up the street went the Railroad Train with the Passenger.

"Choo-choo! Choo-choo!" went Knarf. "Out of our way, Knarf. You're on my track everybody!"

"Meow, meow," went the Kitten.

They passed the tromping, stamping Elephant and the prancing, galloping Horse and Carriage.

"There!" said Knarf, when they reached the garden. "This is the end of the line. Go home, Kitten. I hope your tail feels better."

"Meow!" said the Kitten. And away she went, waving her tail like a happy flag.

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Rupert and the Lost List—48

When Rupert finished telling about Golly and the top Cow-boy and the tender and Santa Claus the two children burst out laughing in delight. "I say, I am glad to meet you!" exclaimed Ellen. "You do make up the most lovely stories! Will you tell us another one day?"

"What do you mean?" Rupert asked. "I'm not making up any thing. Don't you believe it?"

For a moment he wondered how he can show any proof. Then he gets an idea and, telling the others to follow, he trots silently off, leading the way quickly into the wood.

"Stories!"

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AT HOME, AWAY OR ON NEUTRAL GROUND

American Fight Manager Offers Pascual Perez Attractive Purse

Manila, Mar. 31.
American fight manager Stanley Freking today offered World Flyweight Champion Pascual Perez of Argentina US\$40,000 to fight Tommy Urusa of the Philippines in Manila in November.

Famous Sports Stars I Have Met

ERIC BOON

By Archie Quick

Just over a quarter of a century ago a small hall in North London which had once been a chapel produced two characters who were destined to leave their mark, indelibly, on British boxing. The hall was the Devonshire Club, Hackney, and the two characters Jack Solomons and Eric Boon.

At the "Devonshire" they used to stage their shows on Sunday afternoons for the very considerable Hebrew element in the district. Small, intimate affairs, good rousing second-class fighting, cigar smoke, fruit, nuts and meat rolls. It was the beginning of the road for the Stamford Hill fishmonger-cum-bookmaker who was to become "Mr British Boxing."

Jack's first slice of good fortune was to be a blacksmith up in the Cambridgeshire fens at Chatteris who was pretty handy with his fists. It was Boon, stormy petrel of the fistic world, whose epic lightweight contest with Arthur Danahor is still the yardstick upon which all good bouts are judged. "Boon" earned himself fame and fortune, and carried manager Solomons along with him on the tide of success.

Only Difference

The only difference between the pair is that Solomons rode the breakers and stayed on the crest of the wave; Boon sank.

There was the same atmosphere at the "Devonshire" on Sunday afternoons that you got at the Blackfriars Ring, Mile End Arena and the other East End centres where the Jew and Gentile were always scrapping to survive. Great names, great days which will never come back. For those smoke-filled halls were the very essence of fistiana.

Solomons moved up. The manager, who often asked me to give "this boy Boon of mine" some publicity, elevated himself to the push-dinner-jacket-at-ringside circle. He followed Cochran, Wilson, Dickson and Hails as the big-time impresario of the sixteen foot ring, and it is doubtful if anyone else could have been found to stage world championship fights on the grand scale of the Mills-Lemovich and Turpin-Robinson battles.

Time will show whether the Solomons' monopoly has been good for boxing, particularly in the provinces, but there is no gainsaying the fact that his Harringay and White City promotions have raised the standard of British tournaments to a new degree of efficiency and showmanship and that the boxers themselves have benefited as a result.

SKATING TOUR

Minskopets, Mar. 31.
World figure skating champion Carol Heiss left today for an extended tour of Japan after capturing her second straight National Figure Skating Championship.—United Press.

Enemy Crowds Won't Hurt A Good Team Except If Players Are Unseasoned

Says TOM FINNEY

How much does a partisan crowd affect the result of a football match? I've been asked that question a dozen times in the past few days—ever since Manchester United protested strongly about having to replay their Cup semi-final on Wednesday night in the heart of "enemy" country. After drawing at Birmingham, they had to travel about 200 miles to Highbury Stadium, North London, for the match. Fulham—and their thousands of fans—had to jump on the underground and pay a 1s. 4d. fare.

Regardless of the result, was this fair? Frankly, looking at it through the experience of quite a few years in professional football, my immediate reaction was yes. The Football Association were quite reasonable in fixing this venue.

After all, I believe that if a team is really good enough it will win anywhere—at home, away or on a neutral ground. In fact, the most inexplicable thing to me in soccer is that home winners still continue to outnumber away winners in such a huge proportion. It just isn't logical—yet it's been happening for years and I suppose it will continue to happen.

BUT—and after giving this problem quite a lot of thought, it is a very large BUT—I can well understand Manchester United's reaction. Because, as a result of the tragedy which overtook them earlier this season, they had no choice other than to rely largely on unseasoned players.

And, as I tried to imagine how they felt as they trotted out on to the Highbury pitch on Wednesday, I realised just how I felt in my first really big match.

It wasn't even a well-remembered one. It was the 1941 wartime Cup-Final between Preston and Arsenal, at Wembley.

Knocking Knees
The crowd that day, because of the possibility of bombing raids, was limited to 10,000. But as I walked out of the stadium, an inexperienced youth of 18, my knees were literally knocking.

Looking back on later matches, before wildly partisan Continental crowds, and penit-up South Americans, I still recall that first appearance at Wembley as the most terrifying experience of my life.

Ten minutes after the kick-off, I was still shaking with nerves, and the nerves had largely worn off by half time, I was aware of the crowd throughout the match.

Another afternoon, almost as bad, came only three or four seasons ago. Again it was at Wembley, and the occasion was an international match in which I had been selected, in the face of quite a deal of criticism, to replace Stanley Matthews on England's right wing.

I thought that, years before, I had caused even to hear the loudest criticism of a huge crowd. But it didn't work out that way.

I don't think the barracking that day actually put me out of my stride. But it certainly upset my concentration. This, in a match as vitally important as a Cup semi-final, is the very thing that Manchester United were trying to avoid when they appointed—unsuccessfully, as you know—against Fulham supporters would outnumber their own by anything up to 6-1.

I believe that a youngster like Bobby Charlton, who apart from the late Duncan Edwards, is the calmest and most mature young player I have ever seen, would not be affected by this overwhelming vocal opposition. He is, after all, a member of the football family Milburn—and that means he's a thoroughbred.

But there were other youngsters in United's ranks. And as I remember that Wembley afternoon in 1941, I know how they felt.

The Tension
In principle, though, I still maintain that the venue shouldn't make any difference. There is automatically a tremendous amount of tension before any Cup-tie—for the obvious reason that you know full well that if you have an off day today, there will be no second chance.

When you have "overcome that tension, you can tackle the

match."

Japan-Philippine Davis Cup Match In May

Manila, Apr. 1.
The Philippine Davis Cup team departed for Tokyo the last week of April to play Japan in the semi-finals of the Davis Cup, Asian Zone eliminations.

Japan has proposed May 2, 3 and 4 for the tie and reports are that the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation will approve the date.

Members of the Philippines team have not yet been decided but three are almost sure to make the trip—Feliciano Ampon, Raymond Deyo and Johnny Jose.—France-Press.

'Sugar Ray' Willing To Defend Title For \$1,000,000

Ozden, Mar. 31.
Newly-recrowned World Middleweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson is willing to defend his title against ex-champion Gene Fullmer in Utah for "just" US\$1,000,000. George Ginzford, Robinson's manager, said today.

Ginzford was replying to a Utah matchmaker who proposed a Robinson-Fullmer fight in Salt Lake City in July with a guarantee of US\$1,000,000 and part of radio and television royalties for Robinson. Fullmer is a local boy.

Ginzford replied that the date and site were acceptable, but he said, "Just add another zero to the guarantee."—France-Press.

A Narrow Win For Italian Boxer Over Filipino

Sydney, Mar. 31.
Italian lightweight Germano Cavallieri scored a 12-round points win over Filipino Tommy Romulo at the Sydney Stadium here tonight before a crowd of 5,000.

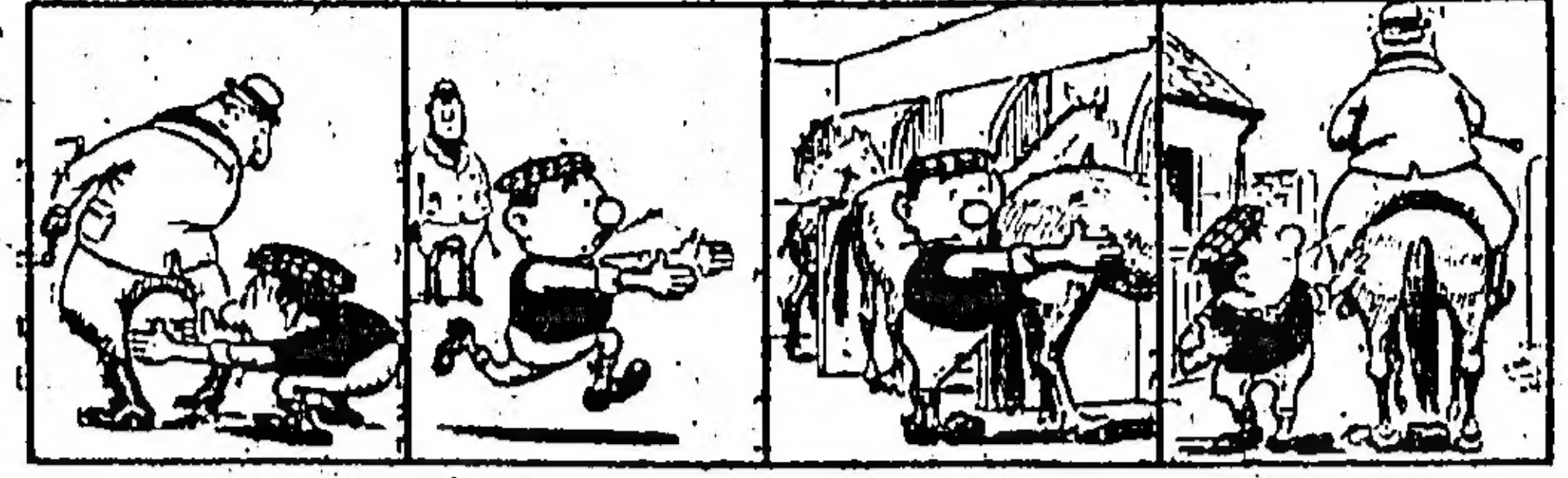
Cavallieri weighed 138 pounds, Romulo 135. After building up a points lead in the early rounds the Filipino was driven back by some vicious hooks, which gained Cavallieri a narrow win. Romulo found it hard to handle the Italian's unorthodox, mauling style.—United Press.

UNITED BEATEN

London, Mar. 31.
Anton Villa beat Manchester United by three goals to two in a League Division One football match at Villa Park, Birmingham today.—Reuter.

SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



TERRY DOWNES WILL SOON BE A LEADING CONTENDER FOR McATEER'S TITLE

Says ARCHIE QUICK

London.

When a man can drag himself up off the floor by instinct after two brain-numbing knock-downs that is the sign of a true fighting champion. Terry Downes, the Paddington middleweight, is generally on the giving end of such punches, but against Tunisian Salah Ben Farhat at Leyton Baths, London, he was twice on the receiving end of such assaults, and he proved himself by coming back and knocking out the North African in the fifth round.

Downes, who learned his exacting trade in the amateur ranks with the American Marines and did so well that he became their champion, has always shown himself to be a non-stop slinger of punches, a fighter who downs his opponents at the first possible moment with his tremendously heavy punching. This time he had to take some of his own medicine, and came out of the ordeal with colours flying.

PHARSTELLA NOT CERTAIN FOR EPSOM

Says PETER SCOTT

Three-year-old filles Apollonia and Arbenia were the stars of M. Marcel Boussac's stable in 1956 and 1957. I am confident that they will have a worthy successor of the same age and sex this season in Pharstella. There is surely no lovelier filly in Chantilly than this elegant brown daughter of the great Pharis II. She combines excellent conformation with an equable temperament and has wintered to the complete satisfaction of her experienced trainer, Charlie Elliott.

The second of her two races last season, when she was a strong-finishing fourth after a slow start in the Grand Critérium, showed her up to classic standard and she is well forward in condition.

Yet I would not advise anybody to take a price about Pharstella but, at present, the odds at 100-6 in the ante-post lists, M. Boussac has shown a preference over the past few seasons for keeping his best three-year-old colts and fillies for the French Derby and Oaks at Chantilly.

The owner has plenty of time to make his final plans for Pharstella but, at present, the odds are on her running at Chantilly rather than Epsom.

Possible Deputy

A possible deputy for her in some of the big English summer stables could be a fine chestnut, DIMANOVA, by the 1950 Derby winner, Golcoro. Dimanova has not yet raced but her home performances suggest that she has inherited some of the ability of her dam, Damaka, who was defeated only once in her first two seasons and developed into a fine stayer.

If Dimanova does not reach her best in time for Royal Ascot, which for her an autumn event, like the Park Hill Stakes and Newmarket Oaks.

Charlie Elliott never hurries his two-year-olds, and his patience last season with a fine

Terry is learning fast. He is boxing while still retaining his punching power, and it should not be long now before he becomes leading contender for Pat McAteer's British title. Downes went down in the second round for eight and again in the fourth for the same reason to reveal that his defence is wide open to swinging rights. But he also showed he has great courage. Ally that to his heavy punching and his technical skill and here is a boxer capable of scaling the heights.

Things are not going so well for Ron Redrup, the West Ham cricketer who was in England's Olympic Games team at Melbourne. He was knocked down twice by Australian Neville Rowe, and, like Downes, he got up each time, but he was exceedingly fortunate to get a draw.

New Soccer Ideas

No club has been more enterprising than Manchester City in attempting to introduce new ideas in soccer. We all know about the "Revie Plan" followed by the "Johnstone Plan". They were and are deep-lying, centre-forward tactics aimed at drawing the opposing centre halves out of position and providing great space down the middle in which the inside forwards could work.

The master strategist was manager Leslie McDowall. Out from him went the order: "I want more goals, even if it means sacrificing something in defence. Football must be made brighter for the spectators and more goals." And Manchester City caught a series of tartars. Seven goals and the like came more than once. City were humiliated. But they persisted, and what do we find today. They are fourth in the table above Manchester United as I forecast they would be before the Munich disaster.

Mr McDowall has every right to make this criticism not of the players but of the people on the terraces: "Of the dozens of

letters I have received recently almost all of them complain 'What is wrong with City's defence?' Only one writer was content that he was seeing plenty of goals for his money and was not especially concerned how many were conceded so long as they were at least breaking even on balance.

Finally, Leslie points out that four forwards are always upfield, with two wing halves in support. That generally over-whelms the other defence, but it weakens City's own guard. "You cannot have it both ways," he says, "any more than you can say that the perfect team exists." So think that over, you critics.

Notable Absence

"I am more patient than the public," said Arsenal's manager Jack Crayston when we talked about the Highbury club's notable absence from the transfer market. What he meant was that, with no possibility of winning the First Division Championship or being relegated, he was content to experiment with the youngsters at his disposal.

"There is a long-term policy here," said Jack, and he pointed to Danny Firth, currently out of private duty as National Service in the RAOC, to prove his point. "Before Christmas when the red light shone," he said, "I made enquiries about Cliff Jones and Ronnie Clayton. In the end, at an auction, Spurs got Jones for £25,000. A good player, Jones, but one I am prepared to wager that one of the two outside lefts in an evening will be better value at £10 each."

Crayston, so gentlemanly and retiring that he does not move upstairs into the glass-enclosed manager's office previously occupied by the fabulous Harry Chapman and George Allison, contents himself with sitting in a small room next to where they stud their boots, studiously, and occasionally replying to his plans for the betterment of the club he has always served so loyally. Jack knows football inside out as befits a gifted international, but it is just not in his nature to be ostentatious.

TENNIS

Got Nowhere

Barry Mackay Beaten in First Round

Monte Carlo, Mar. 31.
American Davis Cup player Barry Mackay was upset today 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 by little-known Australian Paul Hearn in a first-round match of the International Tennis Tournament here.

The elimination of fourth-seeded Mackay was in line with tradition. The Monte Carlo Tournament, the first action of the European tennis circuit, has always featured sensational upsets of seeded players who haven't found their form.—United Press.

Highly Rated

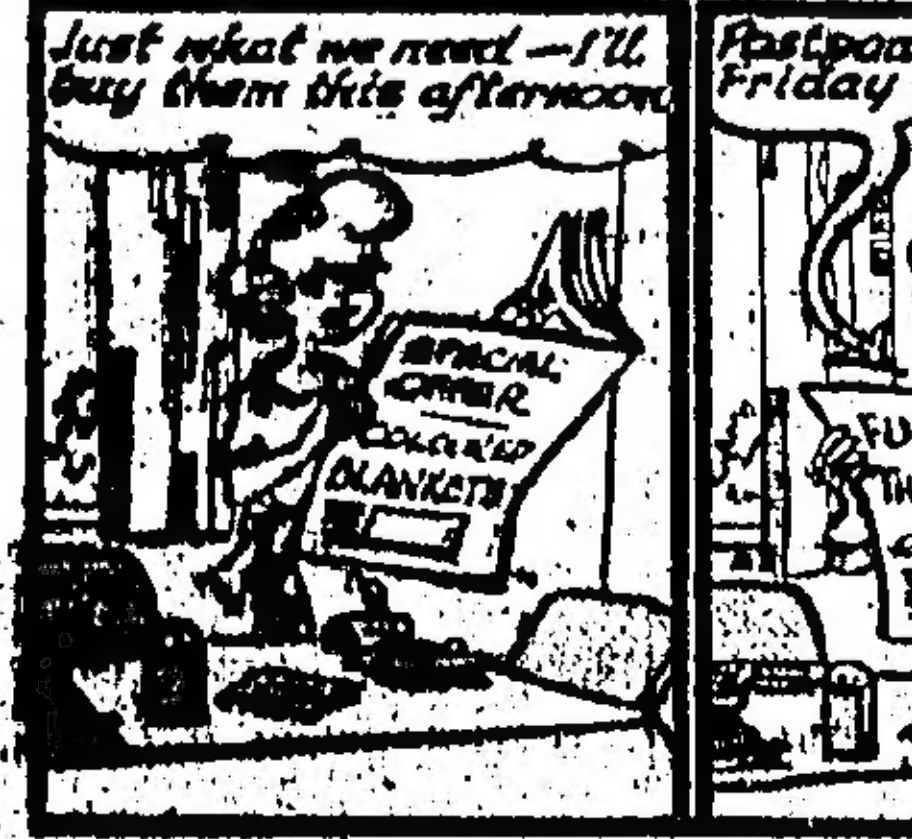
A darker brown than his sister, Farlan will not be racing until midsummer. He is a Middle Park Stakes entry. Among the fillies, Canada's half-sister, Flourens, is highly rated though she will not be at her best until next year.

Of the other two-year-olds, Annadilla (a daughter of Ashar and that fast filly Paro), that full brother to the brilliant Spendash, and the slower maturing, Sirian, look like pick. Sirian has a good one out-stander sister in Sissy. Sirian could be another. —(London Express Service).

TABLE TENNIS

Shefferson, Mar. 31.
England beat France by six matches to three in an eight-match table tennis match here tonight.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLES



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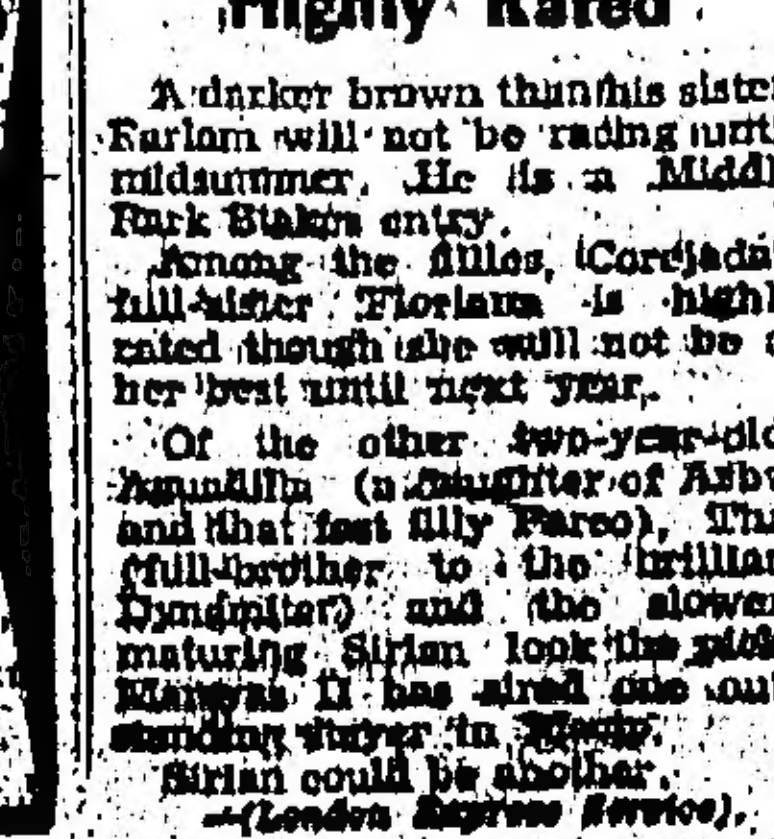
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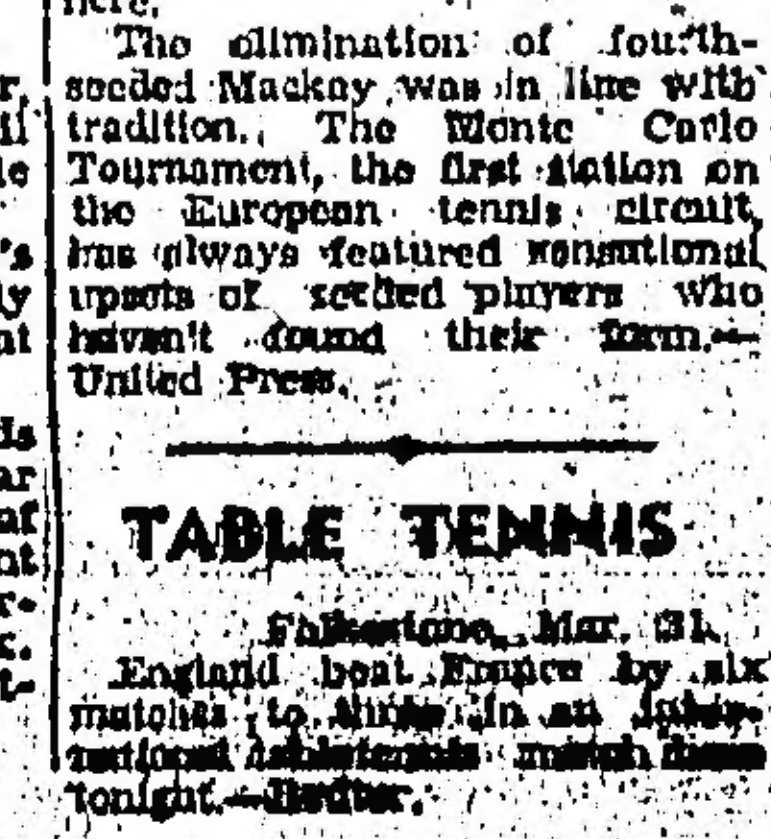
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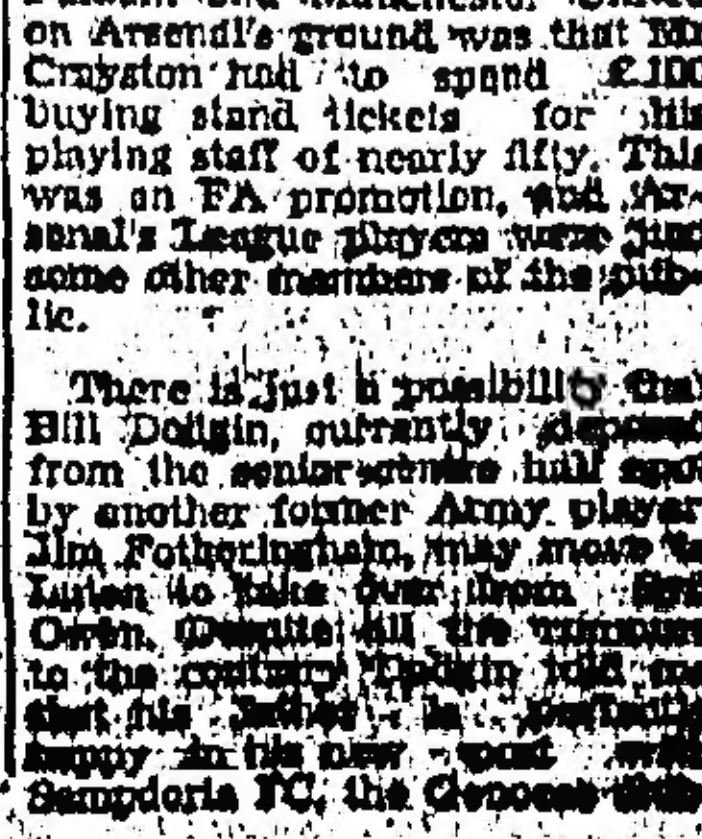
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Hole In One By Nakamura At Practice

Augusta, Mar. 31.
Torakichi Nakamura of Japan had a hole in one today while practising for the Masters' Golf Tournament which starts here on Thursday.

It came on the 170-yard fourth hole and was the first made at that green. "Just a lucky shot," said Nakamura. "The wind was with me." He had used a number three wood club.

Nakamura made the hole in one during a nine-hole practice after an early full round in which he had a three-under-par 69. His fellow Japanese partner, Koichi Ono had a 72.

The sun came out today after two days of rain. Nakamura said after his first full round that the greens were wonderful "no long putts, but some good short ones." He sank an eight-foot putt on the 13th and, on later holes, sank in order putts of 12, 18 and ten feet.

Nakamura said modestly that he would be happy to qualify for the last two rounds of the tournament. After the first 36 holes the field will be reduced to 40 players.

Veteran American golfer Sam Snead, who had a five-under-par 67 in practice today, forecast that Ken Venturi of California would win the tournament.

Snead, who has won the Masters three times, said, "I've been having trouble with my iron for about five weeks. I can't get the ball close enough to the hole and I can't buy a putt for love or money."

"Segrave Trophy"

Awarded To
Stirling Moss

London, Mar. 31.
Britain's top racing driver Stirling Moss today was awarded the 1954 "Segrave Trophy" which annually rewards the Briton who accomplishes the most remarkable performance in land, sea or air transport.

Moss received the trophy at the headquarters of the Royal Automobile Club. —France-Press.

PAKISTAN'S FIRST VICTORY

West Indies Lose By An Innings And One Run In Final Test Match

Port of Spain, Mar. 31.
Pakistan beat the West Indies by an innings and one run today in the fifth and final Test match of their tour. It was Pakistan's first win in the five-match series, in which the West Indies won three matches and one was drawn.

Today's match ended before lunch, and with one day to spare.

The West Indies, 75 runs behind with five wickets standing when play began today, were all out for 227, just one run short of making Pakistan bat again.

The West Indies batsmen had difficulty today in playing the Pakistan spinners, who were helped by the pitch in getting a strong turn on the ball.

Nasirul Ghani, who is only 16, added three wickets today to the three he took on Saturday and finished with six for 67—his best return of the series.

Only Claude Walcott and Eric Atkinson batted with resolution. Walcott, making his farewell

to Test cricket, scored a bright 62, hitting seven fours in his fifty, which he reached in 81 minutes. He and Atkinson (10) put on 57 for the seventh wicket.

The match ended Pakistan's tour of the West Indies. The team leave in the second week of April for visits to Bermuda, the United States and Canada, where they have playing engagements.

The Scoreboard

PAKISTAN
1st Innings—496
WEST INDIES
1st Innings—258

2nd Innings

C. Huntle, c. Fazal Mahmood, b. Nasirul Ghani, 45
R. Kanhai, b. Haseeb Ahsan, 43
G. Sobers, b. Nasirul Ghani, 27
E. Weekes, b. Haseeb Ahsan, 9
C. Walcott, c. Wazir Mohammad, b. Ghanai, 62
O. G. Smith, st. Imtiaz Ahmad, b. Nasirul Ghani, 1
P. Atkinson, b. Ghanai, 19
L. Gibbs, c. Mathias, b. Fazal Mahmood, 2
J. Taylor, st. Ahmad, b. Ghanai, 2
N. Ghanai, not out, 17
Extras, 17
Total (all out) 227

BOWLING

Fazal Mahmood 0 M R W
Khalid Mohammad 2 0 19 0
Nasirul Ghanai 30.5 9 67 6
Haseeb Ahsan 24 3 89 2
—Reuter.

Hogan Bassey To Hang Up Gloves Shortly?

London, Mar. 31.
World Featherweight Boxing Champion Hogan "Kew" Bassey of Nigeria says he will hang up the gloves shortly, as soon as he saves enough money to buy a small business, the Evening News reported today.

Bassey, who defends his title tomorrow in California against Mexico's Ricardo Moreno, said he was hurt at the sight of what is happening to his "idol," newly crowned World Middleweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson.

Robinson is continually urged to fight even though fighting is becoming increasingly hard for him, Bassey reportedly said.

Bassey said he would never stand for that sort of treatment. —France-Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Cricket
Minor Units Knock-Out Final:
HQ Coy Green Howards v District
Wksp REME, Sookunpoo 11.30 a.m.

TOMORROW

Boccer
Governor's Cup: Combined Chinese v HKFA, HK Stadium, 8 p.m.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,
My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is:

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(Signed)

ASIAN GAMES

P. I. ATHLETES HOPE TO SURPASS OTHER TEAMS IN AT LEAST FIVE EVENTS

Tokyo, Mar. 31.
The Philippines will surpass other teams in at least five events in the forthcoming Asian Olympics, carrying off either gold, silver or bronze medals, sports circles predicted here today.

The Philippines is expected to send a 170-man delegation, the second largest after Japan, to take part in 10 events.

The five events mentioned are basketball, tennis, rifle shooting, boxing and women's short-distance swimming.

An official of the Organising Committee for the Asian Games said that the Philippines maintains uncontroverted superiority in basketball.

Basketball experts believed that the Philippine basketball team will be made up principally of members of the powerful YGO team and that they will "lick" the Japanese competition.

Lozada, Henato, Lim, Torontino, Marquillas, Villamon and Badion, all of whom participated in the Melbourne Olympics, are likely to be included in the team, they said. In tennis, they said, in the absence of veteran Davis Cup player Atsushi Miyagi, Koshi Kamo will be the only player to cope with Philippines' veteran Deyro, infallible Ampon, and up-and-coming Jose and Donga brothers.

Bitter Competition

In the forthcoming matches, they predicted, there will be bitter competition between Deyro, Ampon, and Kamo.

In rifle shooting, they said, the Philippine team is destined to dominate—especially in three positions of small-bore rifle in which they enjoy international reputation.

In boxing, experts here noted inclusion in the team of C. Espinosa (lightweight) and flyweight J. Bonus both of whom took part in the Melbourne Olympics, and predicted that they will, along with other participants, achieve results "not inferior to those achieved at the Manila Asian Games."

In women's swimming, Filipino mermals are likely to win short-distance, free style and backstroke with H. Coboso and G. Lozada, likely candidates to carry off top prizes, since excellent Japanese women swimmers are non-existent at present.

More than 22 countries are expected to send an estimated 1,500 athletes to compete in the forthcoming Asian Games.

These are Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, India, Pakistan, Malaya, Ceylon, North Borneo, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Hongkong, Singapore, Iran, Israel, Nepal, Thailand, and Indonesia.

Japan is taking part in all 15 events, while the Philippines is down for 10 events.

Pakistan, Singapore, India, South Korea, Taiwan and Malaya are countries taking part in more than 10 events. —France-Press.

Hashim Khan Wins British Open Squash Title

London, Mar. 31.
Pakistan's 43-year-old Hashim Khan won the British Open Squash title from his younger brother Azam 9-7, 6-0 and 9-7 in the final at the Lansdowne Club in London tonight.

Although conceding 11 years, Hashim, runner-up last year, outplayed his brother at times and was generally the better tactician.

Azam, who has been beaten as finalist twice, made his remarkable brother fight every inch of the way and saved six match points before losing the fourth game and the match at 9-7. —France-Press.

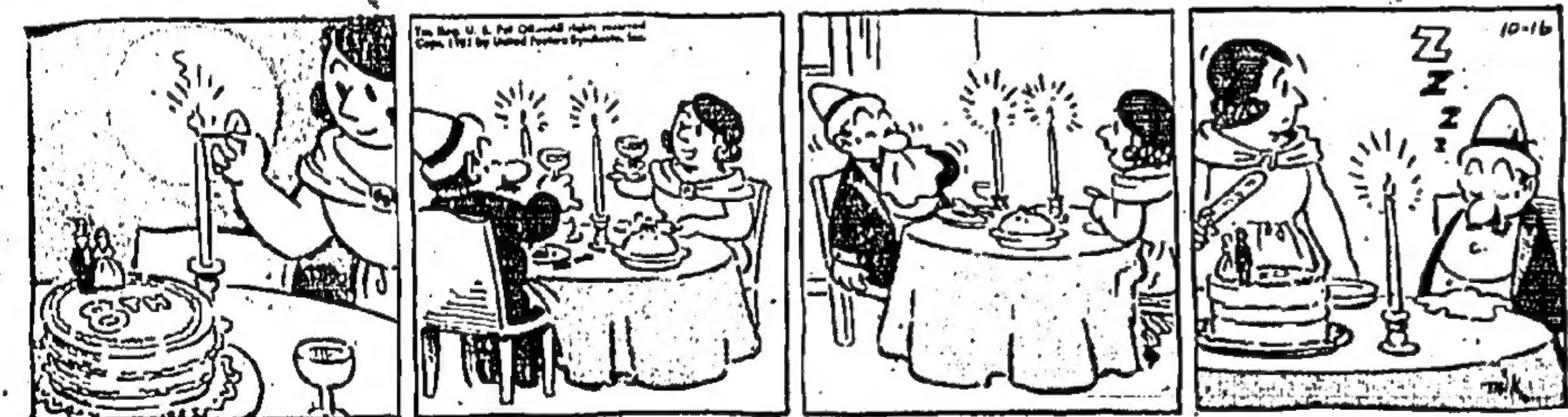
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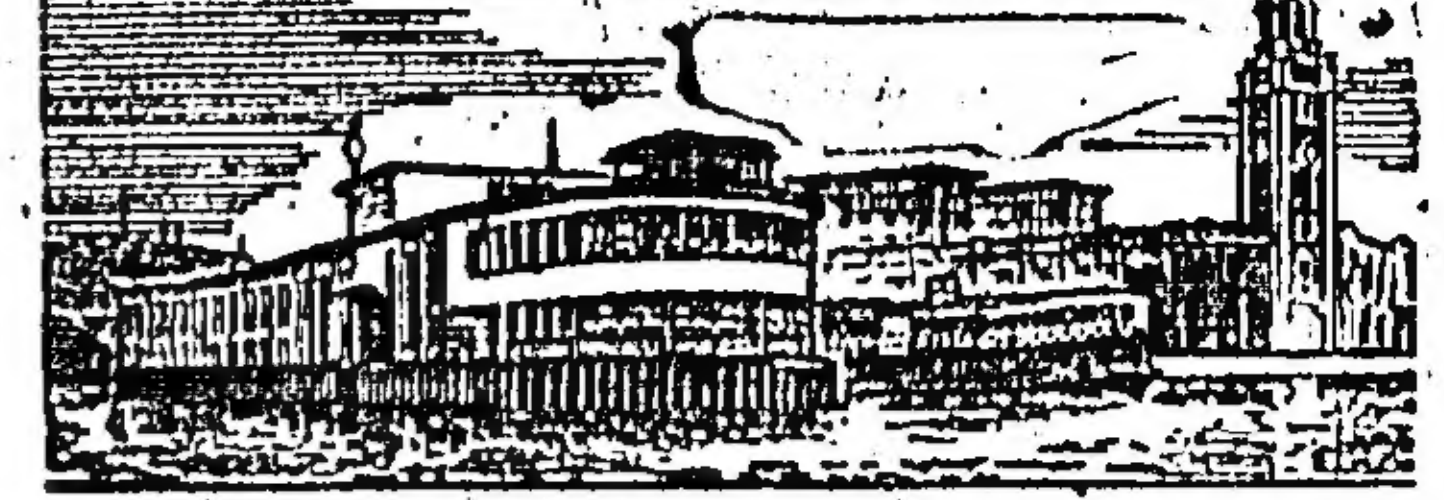


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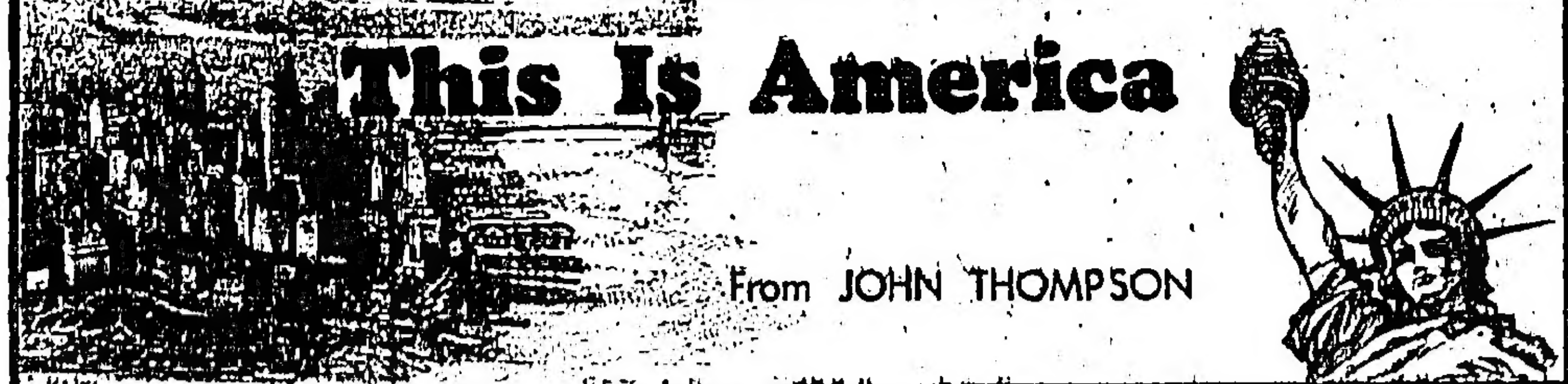
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UNLIMITED spoofing (burlesquing) on television is forbidden under a court ruling made against comedian Jack Benny. And the ruling is interpreted as a serious blow to the ancient art of parody.

It is as if Jimmy Edwards or the Goons were not allowed to make fun of a film on a radio or TV programme.

Jack Benny is now prevented from using a filmed TV playlet called "Autolight"—a take-off on the Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman film "Gaslight".

The film itself was a screen version of the play with the same name by British author Patrick Hamilton—a sister story had in Victorian London.

The new ruling is taken to mean that substantial quotes must not be lifted from a copyrighted work when it is spoofed—unless the copyright holder permits it.

The case hinged on whether such quotes could be used in a take-off like Jack Benny's "Autolight". His lawyer argued that the doctrine of "fair use" came into play with a parody like this, which he compared to literary criticism.

But nine "wise men" of the US Supreme Court sat through a film of "Autolight" and decided that this spoof of the film could not be allowed.

WITH spring come the flowers, late on this year for star exhibit an artificial rose that keeps its scent for two years.

In a spectacular sortie to the boxing ring at Madison Square Garden, New York's District Attorney served summonses on some dozen prominent boxing figures.

They were handed out after a technical knock-out in the sixth round of a nationally televised welterweight bout.

The District Attorney's men appeared at Madison Square Garden with the papers.

For eight weeks there has been a secret probe into the power of the underworld over professional boxing, it was disclosed last week.

Before the summonses were delivered, telephones were tapped in the Madison Square lobby. The investigators listened in on conversations about the shifting odds on the fight.

The loser, Isaac Logart, was a 7-5 favourite right up until ringtime. Then the odds suddenly lengthened to 2-1.

Chief aim of the probe is to study the shifting of odds in professional fights. Also to analyse the alleged influence of underworld figures on the boxing game, and to report on the activities of mobsters in managing boxing bouts and promoting fights.

HEADACHE bands, fashionable in the 1920's, are back in vogue. One Jeweller offers a black velvet ribbon, worn further back on the head than in the 1920's, studded from ear to ear with diamonds. Price: \$175,000 (£62,500).

FOR rock 'n' roll idol Elvis Presley the latest music has been the clip 'n' clop of the barber's scissors.

Laughing at his Memphis home before joining the army last Monday week, he had been cut for a close hair cut.

At Fort Chaffee, where Presley goes, the army are on the ready for a real public relations job on his enlistment.

Getting into combat boots and out of his blue suede suit, Presley all of three days. The army has laid on extra telephones, electric plugs for TV cameras and dark rooms for photographers, so that the US can hear the latest news of the Most Important Recruit.

DO-IT-YOURSELF drinkometer tests are now available for drivers. Police issue wallet-sized cards with which to do calculations on whether the user is too tipsy to drive. In use with your weight, you put down the drinks you have had, when you had them and the drinkometer tells you the Alcohol content of your blood.

HANDSOME, 34-year-old plumber, Michael Cannella has landed in goal because the prettier blondes—three of them—at the luncheon.

New York (By Airmail)
 Unlimited spoofing (burlesquing) on television is forbidden under a court ruling made against comedian Jack Benny. And the ruling is interpreted as a serious blow to the ancient art of parody.

The 100-dollar-a-week (£35 14s) sink repair man married them one, two, three without bothering with such formalities as divorce.

He is being held on bail of \$10,000 (£3,570) accused of bigamy and non-support.

SPINE-CHILLING new toy is a knife that oozes a red liquid when the user squeezes a bulb in the handle. Idea is to release the liquid when the knife point touches a playmate. Says the inventor: "The user of the toy will derive additional pleasure from the realistic effect of the bleeding."

PROPERTY deals involving New York City officials go under the microscope of a public inquiry. Announcing this probe into the city's Bureau of Real Estate, Mayor Wagner said: "As soon as we have evidence of wrong-doing we will move right in."

Already the mayor's office has completed first inquiries into accusations that some private property firms have been charging the city "excessive fees."

Estate agents are also under the spotlight—suspected of "illegally converting" city funds in managing property for the city.

Reports on two firms have gone to the District Attorney's office for scrutiny. Books of 12 others will now have an extra audit by the mayor's finance experts.

New York State's Attorney-General Lefkowitz has accused one firm of embezzling \$5,000,000 (£1,785,000) of investors' money.

The firm, started six years ago by two former city officials, is known to have collected \$2,500,000 (£714,000) on contracts for finding new accommodation for tenants of condemned buildings.

The director of the Bureau of Real Estate has resigned. He has been arrested on a charge of grand larceny—and his \$16,000 (£5,700) house on Long Island is being held as a surety.

"YOU can have a telephone in your car but you are not allowed to talk on it while driving. That was a court verdict in New York—where radio cabs are not allowed."

CO-EDS at a Utah university have set themselves a problem that most American housewives would not dare to face—eating on 50 cents (3s. 7d.) a day.

Idea is that every girl should know how to avoid starvation on a tight budget.

In turns, two of the Utah girls move to a separate apartment set up by the university. One girl is "husband" or "host" and the other is "wife" or "planner."

Sample evening meal: beef stew, dumplings salad, a slice of bacon, and a razor-thin egg slice, milk and spiced dessert.

FOR anyone who can work out the meaning of a 212-word sentence in the latest US income tax instructions, Senator Watkins from Utah is offering a prize—a special copy of "Simplified English."

ROW is brewing between Mike Wallace and 48-year-old Lillian Roth, star of pre-war musicals like "Honey" and autobiographical author of a "Night" against alcoholism in the book "Till City Tomorrow."

She was invited to appear on the Wallace show and then, says her publisher, asked to a rehearsal before "the so-called unrehearsed" show. He "washed from the sensational-seeking type of questions that the show would turn into Randolph Churchill-type circus."

Now Wallace, off to Egypt to film an interview with Nasser, says the Lillian Roth interview has been "postponed."

Mrs. E. Queenie Calvert, of Leeds, wrote to the Houston Chamber of Commerce, Texas, last week, accepting after 34 years an invitation to visit the city. She was unable to go in 1924, when her father was secretary of the Texas Chamber of Commerce. She arrives next Thursday.

A NEW medical method of diagnosing illnesses is hailed as a medical "break-through." Dr. Winston Price, of Baltimore, has developed a simple method of blood-testing that suggests each separate disease has a characteristic pattern in the blood plasma particles.

NANCY Lady Astor told before she sailed for England that her son William had provided material for a biography of her, was indignantly "I brought my sons up properly," she said. "I don't believe they'll tell their mother without first telling me."

A BAG snatched from a shopkeeper in New York last week flew open as the hold-up man fled. Police followed a paper-chase trail of \$1,309 (2400) in notes. At the end of it, hiding in a hotel, they found 21-year-old Sylvester Copeland.

TWO big San Francisco stores where business was poor started opening on Thursday evenings as well as the usual Monday evenings. Sales have recovered so well that rival firms are copying them.

JUDY GARLAND sang her heart out one night last week, making her New York comeback. Neither did not stay home the hoodlums could keep away 1,200 night-club fans. They made the hour's drive from Manhattan to see and hear her in a restaurant in Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn.

Judy is being paid a whopping \$20,000 (£7,140) a week. But many at her first night reception felt it was not enough.

China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Cattle Empire" Joe! McCrea in a Western.

KING'S & PRINCESS: "It Happened In Rome." A colourful carnival of fun.

HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Until They Sail." Jean Simmons, Joan Fontaine, Paul Newman and Piper Laurie in a drama.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Valerie." Anita Ekberg and Sterling Hayden in a drama.

ALHAMBRA: "Scarlet Doll." A Chinese picture.

LEE & ASTOR: Cantonese Operas.

ORIENTAL: "Luck of Jim." Ian Carmichael in another comedy.

MAJESTIC: "Desert Rats." Richard Burton and James Mason.

CAPITOL: "Four Boys And A Gun." Hooligans on the rampage.

RITZ: "Loving You." Elvis Presley in another musical.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG

5.30 p.m. News from Home. 5.45 p.m. News from Home. 6.00 p.m. News from Home. 6.15 p.m. News from Home. 6.30 p.m. News from Home. 6.45 p.m. News from Home. 7.00 p.m. News from Home. 7.15 p.m. News from Home. 7.30 p.m. News from Home. 7.45 p.m. News from Home. 8.00 p.m. News from Home. 8.15 p.m. News from Home. 8.30 p.m. News from Home. 8.45 p.m. News from Home. 9.00 p.m. News from Home. 9.15 p.m. News from Home. 9.30 p.m. News from Home. 9.45 p.m. News from Home. 10.00 p.m. News from Home. 10.15 p.m. News from Home. 10.30 p.m. News from Home. 10.45 p.m. News from Home. 11.00 p.m. News from Home. 11.15 p.m. News from Home. 11.30 p.m. News from Home. 11.45 p.m. News from Home. 12.00 p.m. News from Home.

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AUSTRALIA'S FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE IS BEING EXPANDED

By NEIL MUNRO

Melbourne, Mar. 31.
AUSTRALIA'S flying doctor service is being expanded to bring citizens in even the most isolated areas of Australia within quick reach of doctors and hospitals.

Many of the bases, which for years have helped the pioneers of the country's great open spaces are being modernised, and new bases are being established.

Two Centres
 One flying base depot is at Cairns, in northern Queensland. Another is at Carnarvon, in north-western Western Australia. The distance between these two centres is greater than that from London to Istanbul, Derby, the most recent base established, has helped to reduce the distances travelled to calls from other bases in Western Australia, and more are being planned to augment those already serving outback areas of South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

The flying doctor service has continued to develop ever since it was established in 1928 by a missionary, the late Dr John Flynn, known as "Flyn of the Island."

From a single base and a single aircraft at Cloncurry, in Queensland, in 1928, the service has now grown to 12 bases linked up with hospitals, missions and travelling chaplains.

WHISTLING lollipops are now available on New York candy counters. The whistle is in the middle of the sweet. As you suck you gradually eat the whole thing, whistle and lollipop and all.

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This rules the National Labour Relations Board, was part of the firm's illegal anti-union policy. The board recommends that the firm be ordered to rehire 12 employees.

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Dr Flynn conceived the idea of an aerial medical service before World War I, when the flying was still in its infancy. After that war with the development of aircraft, the idea came into the realm of possibility.

Appointed chaplain to a central Australian Presbyterian mission in 1912, Dr Flynn travelled thousands of miles on camel, horseback and foot to cover his territory. A report which he made a year later led to the establishment of nomadic chaplains and later also of bush nursing hospitals.

Next Step
 The flying doctor service was the next step. Hailed by the outback people, it soon expanded beyond the resources of the Church.

Today, helped by the Federal Government, it is controlled by a committee representative of medical and pastoral interests.

Modernisation for the improved efficiency of the service is a constant aim.

The recent purchase of two new aircraft for use in Western Australia almost completes the change-over from old Dralton flying ambulances. Triple-engined Drovers and twin-engined Doves are also

Each home on the flying doctor radio circuit is provided with a standard medicine chest. All the contents are numbered, and by using these numbers, the doctor can prescribe with accuracy and safety.

During an ordinary morning, Dr Meehan may diagnose a case of measles or tonsillitis, or check up on the condition of a baby whom he flew 300 miles to deliver a few days previously.

The flying doctors depend a great deal on their pilots, men who can find a tiny home in the middle of trackless wastes of land and can manoeuvre their aircraft in and out of the tiny airstrips.

The doctors have to cope with more than just sickness when flying on their rounds. There are summer temperatures of well over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, sudden downpours of rain during the monsoon season and mechanical troubles arising from engines operating under extreme conditions.

Many of their trips are packed with drama. Occasionally ill patients have to be snatched out of the bush in extreme flying conditions to be given a chance to live by prompt hospital treatment.

Doctors and aircraft of the service are not all employed full-time.

The flying doctor, in many cases is a medical practitioner in the base town, and answers his country calls when needed. Aircraft and pilots, too, are often hired from local airlines operators who keep an aircraft ready. The first flying doctor aircraft was loaned from Qantas Empire Airways when it was still the tiny Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Service.

In spite of Federal and State government subsidies, the flying doctor service leans heavily on grants, gifts and bequests to meet annual costs, which in 1957 totalled £A170,000 (£130,000 sterling).

But costs, Mr Meehan, deter the flying doctors.

They are always ready, night and day, to answer mercy calls. They know that throughout Australia the Royal Flying Doctor Service has energetic committees working to finance their work, the primary object of which is to bring help and security to pioneers in the lonely outback.—China Mail Special.

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 The pilots who fly these mercy trips are always willing to take a risk to save a patient, but occasionally the chance is not successful. One aircraft carrying a doctor and sick baby to Derby, in Western Australia, crashed recently in a storm, and all were killed.

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W. BENGAL ASSEMBLY UPROAR

Calcutta, Mar. 31. The West Bengal State Assembly was adjourned indefinitely by the speaker today after three days of continuous uproar and near riot following allegations of corruption against the Congress government by a resigning minister.

As Congress Party and Communist opposition members shouted at one another across the floor, the speaker announced he had no alternative but to adjourn the house since the members were still shouting after he had walked out.

Trouble started last week when the Judicial and Tribal Welfare Minister in the West Bengal government, Siddhartha Sankar Ray, resigned and accused the government of following a "diabolical and irresponsible" food policy, of neglecting refugees, and of corruption in issuing licences and permits.—Reuter.

Iron Workers Told To Strike

Gelsenkirchen, Mar. 31. The powerful West German Metalworkers Union today gave 180,000 Ruhr iron and steelworkers the order to strike for higher wages on April 9.

The union's executive board approved unanimously the recommendation of its wage-board that the strike be called to support a 10 per cent pay increase demand.

Unless agreement is reached before the April 9 deadline, the industrial Ruhr's basic iron and steel plants will have their first major strike since before the Hitler era.

The tie-up would shortly idle other plants in the metal processing industry and probably force layoffs in the coal mines, already working under capacity because of order cuts from industry.—United Press.

Italy Requests Nasser To Postpone Visit

Rome, Mar. 31. An Italian Foreign Office spokesman tonight confirmed Cairo reports that the Italian Government had asked President Nasser of Egypt to postpone his state visit to Italy, originally planned for the beginning of June.

The spokesman said the Italian Government had pointed out that elections are being held in Italy at the end of May and it is unlikely that a new government will have obtained a vote of confidence from Parliament before mid-June.

The spokesman said President Nasser had been asked to suggest any time would which suit him after the constitution of the new government.—Reuter.

Anniversary Explosions

Nicosia, Mar. 31. Several explosions occurred tonight in Famagusta (East Cyprus) on the third anniversary of the outbreak of Eoka (Union with Greece) terrorist attacks.

First reports said the explosions took place near the British Army camp there.

Security forces were on the alert in anticipation of a new wave of violence to mark Eoka's anniversary.—France Press.

Demonstrations

Lagos, Mar. 31. The funeral of Alhaji Adesokan Adedokun, former Opposition leader in the Western Nigeria Parliament, touched off demonstrations today in the Abeokuta area. Ten persons were reported killed.

Adedokun died in a road collision last week. He had a large following and shock over his death was believed to have led to the demonstrations. Police arrested more than 200 persons.—United Press.

INDONESIAN REBELS CLAIM SUCSESSES

Central Government Paratroops Said Killed

Bukittinggi, Sumatra, Mar. 31. Revolutionary forces were reported today pressing their first gains against government troops fighting at Taluk, 100 miles east of Bukittinggi.

But a high revolutionary official said, "we expect severe attacks against us before the end of the Ramadan month of fasting."

POCKET CARTON by OSBERT LANCASTER (In America)



No Atomic Arms For W. Germany, Say War Veterans

Bolgrade, Mar. 31. Yugoslav war veterans today joined a campaign directed against West German atomic armament.

The 1,200,000-strong War Veterans Association, mostly ex-partisans who fought with President Tito against German occupation, told the Bonn Parliament's decision last week to equip the West German Army with atomic weapons was received with "revulsion and concern."

The Association central committee, meeting in a plenary session, passed a unanimous resolution backing the Yugoslav government in its declared intention to consider referring the new West German move to the United Nations.

Such an action would reflect "the deepest interests and feelings" of the Yugoslav people and veterans, the resolution said. "The veterans' organizations throughout the world should 'actively resist' the carrying out of the West German decision, it added.—Reuter.

TRAVEL BAN ON FOREIGNERS IN RUSSIA

Moscow, Mar. 31. The Soviet authorities have banned all travel by foreign diplomats and other foreigners to the southern areas of the Soviet Union, usually reliable sources reported tonight.

The ban, similar to one imposed last year, is expected to last two weeks. The areas affected are the Ukraine, the Caucasus and the whole of Central Asia.

The ban came into force this weekend, and foreigners already in the area were evicted from their hotels and sent back to Moscow, the sources said.

No reason for the ban was known.—Reuter.

Water Hours Increased

Hours of water supply in the Colony are to be increased from eight to 10 hours daily. The increase is made possible due to the satisfactory storage position.

The Colony's reservoirs also benefitted by last week's rains.

The new supply hours come into effect immediately. They are from 5.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Total water storage on Saturday morning amounted to 4,054 million gallons and the yield from catchment areas last week was 372 million gallons.

It is estimated that the average daily consumption on the new supply hours will be 53 million gallons. With the storage position being such as it is and with the spring rains expected in a matter of weeks, it is considered that the increase can be made with reasonable safety.

The Colony went on the reduced eight hours daily supply on January 26.

'Nuclear Tests Should Continue'

Fl Bragg, Mar. 31. Lieutenant-General James Gavin, former Chief of Army Research and Development, closed out a 30-year career in the Service today with a call for continued nuclear tests by this country.

General Gavin's resignation at his own request became effective today. His action stemmed from criticism he made last January on restrictions imposed on the Army in the missile race.

General Gavin, 51, told a Press conference today that he felt he had a choice of resignation before Congress, or being forced to resign by Congress or the Army.

HUMANITY

He said he felt this country should continue testing nuclear weapons despite Russia's announcement that it would halt them.

"It is in the interest of humanity for the United States to continue its testing of nuclear weapons," he said. "Whether we like it or not, we are living in a nuclear age."

"Fission and fusion are here to stay and we must live with them. And we must study and learn to manage them without destroying our planet."—United Press.

Sufficient Tests Says Another General

London, Mar. 31. General Sir Richard Gale, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, designated tonight described as a "formidable thing" the Russian suspension of nuclear tests because it showed they had done "sufficient tests."

He was addressing a joint meeting of the European Atlantic Group and the British Atlantic Committee.

General Gale stressed that he had great faith in the power of nuclear weapons.

"The conventional strength of the Soviet Army was so great that no country in the West, including the United States could afford 'to go it alone'."

General Gale declared that the Russians had 170 divisions on the Western Front and could raise this to 250 without difficulty.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



Caronia Arrives On Cruise

After a surge of business from tourists who arrived a few weeks ago in the luxury cruise-liners Kungsholm and Statendam, local merchants are expecting good trade from 409 wealthy tourists who arrived this morning on board the liner Caronia.

The 34,000-ton "Green Goddess" arrived from New York via Manila, on her fourth annual visit to Hongkong. Her first visit here was on April 1, 1955.

The Caronia began her 108-day and 33,500-mile round the world cruise from New York on January 21.

As soon as she docked outside No. 6 gate of Kowloon Wharf, half of the passengers went out into Navy Street where a fleet of taxis were waiting for them.

409 Passengers

Of her 409 passengers, the majority are well-to-do, retired American businessmen and their wives.

According to Messrs Thomas Cook and Sons Ltd. about 200 passengers are expected to take them on tours of the island and the New Territories. A Yaumatei ferry had been chartered for a round-the-island tour.

At night the tourists will be treated to lavish Chinese dinners.

CHRISTIAN FILM

A new Christian film entitled "Miracle" will be shown at the European YMCA on Easter Sunday, April 6, commencing 8.45 p.m.

Produced by Unusual Films at Bob Jones University, USA, the film features "Dr. Bob Jones, Jr. and his life of Dr. Jones, a man who was beyond human help, and the miracle it took to save him."

Van Crashes

A motor van suddenly swerved towards the left and collided with stationary vehicles parked near the kerb in Wyndham Street this morning. The van sustained damage to its mudguards and head lamps. Another van was pushed against the kerb and its left front wheel was almost wrenched off. The tail light of a big private car was also damaged.

Knife Battle

Manila, Apr. 1. Three people were killed and five others were wounded yesterday as knives flashed in a Roxas city between two groups of brothers over the hand of a girl during a dance.

A rejected suitor of the girl, together with his brothers, caused trouble during the dance. This made the girl's fiancée and his brothers retaliate.—France Press.

Accused Alleges Forced To Make Statement

A man accused of receiving some of the property stolen in a robbery at 24 Percival Street, third floor, on December 26 last year, alleged at the Criminal Sessions this morning that he had been assaulted by detectives who tried to force him to make a statement.

The accused is Lee Ha-sun, 28, unemployed, named as the fourth accused in the indictment.

The first three are charged with robbery. They are Lau Sau, 30, Kowloon, 31, and Hau Shu-chi, 22, all unemployed. The three are alleged to have robbed Mrs Wong Shek-chun of a wrist watch, a cigarette lighter and a pair of spectacles, and her amah of another wrist watch, a gold ring and \$1.

Slapped

The trial is before Mr Justice A. D. Scholtes and Jury of six men and a woman.

Testifying on his own behalf, Lee Ha-sun said he was arrested on December 31. At Hung-hom Police Station, a man named Choi Ping-lung slapped him twice. One inspector Tsang grabbed his hair and several detectives struck him from behind.

The second accused was also present, Lee continued. He asked him (Lee) if he knew anything about a cigarette lighter and a pair of spectacles. He said he did not know.

Lee said he heard the second accused say that the spectacles were in a heap of refuse. He (witness) said that he had nothing to do with the spectacles.

Fourth accused said the Det. Sgt. Lai Lok and other detectives then forced him to bring them to the refuse heap referred to by the second accused, which was some distance from the Station.

When he had pointed out the refuse heap, the policemen searched it and found the spectacles.

Lee said he was brought back to the Station, and later transferred to Eastern Police Station. There Det. Sgt. Lai Lok told him not to worry, but that he had made a statement about the spectacles. He replied he knew nothing about it.

Found Knife

The sergeant allegedly said: "Don't be a fool, you are only required as a witness, you are not required to be a witness."

When he refused, Lee continued, Lai became annoyed and looked as if he was going to beat him. He felt compelled to do as he was told, and asked Lai what he wanted him to write down.

The sergeant dictated, and he wrote down what was said. Lee said. Afterwards, a Police party, together with the second accused and himself, went to a church compound where the second accused pointed out a sofa. The Police searched the sofa and found a knife hidden in it.

Hearing is proceeding.

2 FERRIES COLLIDE

Passengers crossing the harbour at about 9 o'clock this morning sprang up and rushed from the bows of two ferry boats as the Celestial Star of the Star Ferry Company and the Man Foon of the Hongkong Yau-mai Ferry Company collided.

The collision occurred as the two ferries were sandwiched between a sailing lighter and the bows of the cargo-passenger vessel Tivoli.

The Star Ferry was crossing the harbour from Kowloon to Hongkong. The other vessel was travelling from Wanchai in the direction of Shumshuipo.

Passengers were put out before the collision occurred, and the wooden guards of both ferry boats were slightly damaged. The Celestial Star caught the Man Foon on the starboard bow with the point of her prow.

5 Seriously Injured

Five people, including three boys, were seriously injured in separate traffic accidents in Hongkong and Kowloon yesterday. They are all receiving treatment in hospital.

One of the boys, nine-year-old Chow Sun-man, of 14 Po Lung Terrace, ground floor, was knocked down by a private van in Belchers Street, near Po Lung Terrace. The other two boys, both eleven years of age, were involved in bicycle mishaps. Hui Hong-tang, of 8 Fuk Lo Tsun Road, third floor, sustained serious injuries when he fell from his bicycle and Chan Ping-keo of 28 Wal Ching Street, 1st floor, was knocked down by a bicycle in Wal Ching Street.

In the other two accidents, Wong Tui, a 12-year-old woman, received serious injuries when she fell off a stationary bus in Queen's Road East and Chan Yin-fai, aged 20, of 48 Kiang Street, ground floor, was injured when his motorcycle collided with a private car outside No. 63 Waterloo Road.

The couple were met by Lieut-Col. T. F. C. Hamilton, Deputy Commandant of the RHKDF.

Col. Jennings was until recently Commanding Officer of the 6th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (TA). Since the war, he has held a number of staff appointments in India, Portugal and at the War Office.

He is succeeding Lieut-Col. T. F. C. Hamilton, who is expected to leave Hongkong in May.

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AUTHOR OF FBI BOOK IN COLONY

By A STAFF REPORTER

Visiting Hongkong at the moment, and thoroughly enjoying it, is Mr Don Whitehead, a veteran journalist, now author of a well-known book.

He is on a world pleasure trip with his wife. Mr Whitehead wrote "The FBI Story" which was published late last year. Because of his long newspaper standing and his close association with those in this world famous Federal Bureau of Investigation, he was able to peep into some of the top secret files and obtain material no other writer had managed before.

"The FBI Story" is a 300-page book containing 100,000 words telling the history of this organisation, its working and disclosing some of the cases investigated by its agents.

TRANSLATED

The publication has been translated into French, Japanese and Spanish.

Warner Brother bought the rights and made a picture based on the book. "The FBI Story" will be released for showing something this summer.

Mr Whitehead's long association with the American Press dates back almost a quarter of a century. He was with the Associated Press for 21 years and a Bureau Chief of the New York Herald Tribune for another two years before he turned his attention to writing books. But he retained his connection with the Press as a free lance.

During his time as a newspaperman, he has won two Pulitzer Prizes.

Mr and Mrs Whitehead left the United States on March 2 on their present world tour. Though he said he was enjoying his trip, his travels are somewhat like a business holiday. He is gathering more material during his various stop-overs for his next book on "Law Enforcement Problems Around the World."

IMPRESSED

He and Mrs Whitehead arrived here nine days ago and during his short stay, he called on the Commissioner of Police, Mr A. C. Maxwell, for details and briefings for his new book. "I am very much impressed by your Police Force here," Mr Whitehead said. "You have a good force and I understand it is highly respected by your citizens here."

He and Mrs Whitehead are leaving this Friday on their return trip home but before going away, the two will "tour Hongkong."

"This is really a beautiful place. Hongkong by night is wonderful," said Mr Whitehead. "I'll say it is," echoed Mrs Whitehead.

SAILOR ROBBED

The Police have detained a suspect following the theft of a sum of money from a British sailor in a bar in the Central district at about 2 a.m. today.

Two Chinese boys, one aged ten and the other aged twelve, have been arrested by the Police following the robbery of a sum of money from a Chinese girl outside the Pei Ho Theatre in Pei Ho Street yesterday.

Property valued at \$110 was stolen from No. 1 Ventris Road between 11 o'clock last night and 6.30 this morning.